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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks:

IN THE TITLE:

Please delete the existing Title and replace it with --HIGH ENERGY DENSITY SECONDARY BATTERY FOR REPEATED USE--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the specification with the enclosed substitute specification. A marked-up copy of the original specification is also enclosed.

Please insert the following paragraph after "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" in the substitute specification.

--Continuing data: This application is a division of Application no. 09/163,545 filed 9/30/98, which is a division of Application no. 08/482,569 filed 6/7/95, which is a division of Application no. 08/159,141 filed 11/30/93, now U.S. Patent No. 5,825,434.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-122 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Kindly add new claims 123-178 as follows:

123. (New) A secondary battery comprising:

a negative electrode substantially comprising a negative electrode active material;

a positive electrode substantially comprising a

positive electrode active material, wherein said negative electrode and positive electrode are separated by a separator; and

an electrolyte or an electrolytic solution held between said negative electrode and said positive electrode, said secondary battery comprising:

a film which covers a surface of said negative electrode and through which an ion in a battery reaction is able to pass.

124. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 123, wherein said film has a molecular structure or apertures comprising openings larger than the ion in the battery reaction.

125. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 123, wherein during charging said film has a molecular structure or apertures comprising openings through which the ion in the battery reaction is able to pass but said ion is not able to pass through the negative electrode active material deposited on said negative electrode during charging.

126. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 123, wherein said film is inert toward the electrolyte or electrolytic solution and said film cannot be dissolved by said electrolyte or electrolytic solution.

127. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 123, wherein said film has an electron donor.

128. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 127, wherein said electron donor of said film has an electron selected from the group consisting of an unpaired electron, a paired electron and a d-electron.

129. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 127, wherein said electron donor of said film has a  $\pi$ -electron.

130. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 127, wherein said electron donor of said film comprises at least one element selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur.



131. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 129, wherein said electron donor of said film comprises at least one element selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur.

132. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 123, wherein said film comprises a large ring compound.

133. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 123, wherein said film comprises a material having an aromatic ring structure.

134. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 123, wherein said film is a fluororesin.

135. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 123, wherein said film comprises a material having an ether linkage structure.

136. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 123, wherein said film comprises a compound having a carbonyl group.

137. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 123, wherein said film has comprises a compound wherein a phosphorus atoms and a nitrogen atoms are double-bonded to each other.

138. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 123, wherein said film comprises a glassy metal oxide.

139. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 123, wherein said film has a polymer structure.

140. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 123, wherein said film has a cross-linked polymer structure.

141. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 123, wherein said film comprises a conductive powder dispersion.

142. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 123, wherein said negative electrode active material is lithium or a lithium compound.

143. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 123, wherein said negative electrode active material is zinc or a zinc alloy.

144. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 142, wherein said surface of said negative electrode covered with said film is subjected to a lipophilic treatment.

145. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 143, wherein said surface of said negative electrode covered with said film is subjected to a hydrophilic treatment.

146. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 123, wherein at least a surface of said separator opposed to said negative electrode is covered with a material identical to that comprising said film.

147. (New) A secondary battery comprising:

a negative electrode substantially made of a negative electrode active material;

a positive electrode comprising a positive electrode active material, wherein said negative electrode and positive electrode are separated by a separator;

an electrolyte or an electrolytic solution held between said negative electrode and said positive electrode; and

at least one layer selected from the group consisting of a conductor layer, a semiconductor layer and an insulating layer, disposed between said negative electrode and said separator.

148. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 147, wherein said negative electrode is lithium or a lithium compound.

149. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 147, wherein said negative electrode is zinc or zinc alloy.

150. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 147, wherein said conductor or semiconductor layer comprises at least one element selected from the group consisting of C, Ni, Ti, Pt and Si.

151. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 147, wherein said layer is the insulating layer comprising at

least one insulator selected from the group consisting of a halide, a nitride and a carbide.

152. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 147, wherein said layer is in contact with said negative electrode active material.

153. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 147, wherein said layer is in contact with said separator.

154. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 147, wherein said layer covers at least a surface of said negative electrode active material adjacent to said separator.

155. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 147, wherein said layer is pressed and secured to a surface of said negative electrode active material.

156. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 147, wherein said layer covers at least a surface of said separator adjacent to said negative electrode.

157. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 152, wherein said layer is pressed and secured to said separator.

158. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 147, wherein said conductor layer comprises a carbon fiber having a specific area of  $10 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  and a void ratio of at least 50%.

159. (New) A secondary battery comprising:

a negative electrode substantially made of a negative electrode active material;

a positive electrode substantially made of a positive electrode active material, wherein said negative electrode and positive electrode are separated by a separator; and

an electrolyte or an electrolytic solution held between said negative electrode and said positive pole, wherein

at least a surface of said positive electrode opposed to said negative electrode is covered with at least one layer selected from the group consisting of an insulating film, a semiconductor film and a composite film of an

insulating material and a semiconductor through which an ion in a battery reaction is able to pass.

160. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 159, wherein said insulating layer comprises a large ring compound.

161. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 160, wherein said large ring compound comprises at least one structure selected from the group consisting of a ring polyether, a ring polyamine, a ring polythioether, an azacrown ether, a ring thioether, a thiocrown ether, a cryptand, a cyclam, a cyclodextrin, a cyclofan, a phthalocyanin and a porphyrin.

162. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 159, wherein said insulating layer is a polymer of a derivative of an aromatic hydrocarbon.

163. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 162, wherein said derivative of the aromatic hydrocarbon is at least one derivative selected from the group consisting of naphthalene, anthracene, phenanthlene, naphthacene, pyrene,

triphenylene, perillene, picene, benzopyrene, coronene and ovalene.

164. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 159, wherein said layer is a fluororesin.

165. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 164, wherein said fluororesin has an ether bond.

166. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 159, wherein said insulating layer is an organic silicone resin compound.

167. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 159, wherein said insulating layer is an organic titanium polymer compound.

168. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 159, wherein said insulating layer is a polymer wherein a phosphorus atom and a nitrogen atom are alternately double bond to each other.



169. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 159, wherein said insulating layer is an inorganic glass comprising an inorganic oxide.

170. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 169, wherein said inorganic glass is combined with an organic polymer.

171. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 169, wherein said inorganic oxide comprises at least one element selected from the group consisting of silicon, titanium, aluminum, magnesium, zirconium, lead and calcium.

172. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 159, wherein said insulating layer is a carbide.

173. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 159, wherein said insulating layer is a nitride.

174. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 159, wherein said insulating layer is a halide.

175. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 174, wherein said halide is a fluoride.

176. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 159, wherein said insulating layer comprises at least one element selected from the group consisting of carbon and silicon.

177. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 159, wherein said negative electrode is lithium or a lithium compound and said ion in the battery reaction is a lithium ion.

178. (New) A secondary battery according to claim 159, wherein said negative electrode is zinc or a zinc alloy and said ion in the battery reaction is a hydroxide ion.

#### REMARKS

This is a division of Application no. 09/163,545, filed to pursue the subject matter of nonelected claims 156-211 from the parent case. Claims 1-122 have been cancelled by the present amendment. Claims 123-155, which were added during the prosecution of the parent application, are not a

part of the present application. Claims 156-211, which were also added while prosecuting the parent application, have been rewritten as new claims 123-178, with claims 123, 147 and 159 being independent. No new matter has been added.

The title of the invention has been amended to reflect more clearly the subject matter of the present claims.

Accompanying the filing of this Preliminary Amendment and new divisional application are a substitute specification and a marked-up copy of the original specification. The substitute specification is identical to the one previously filed in the parent application, with continuing data added by this amendment. No new matter has been added.

Since the present application is a division of Application no. 09/163,545, their specifications should be identical. This substitute specification will eliminate inconsistencies in the text of any patents that issue from these applications. Moreover, the same substitute specification was filed in a companion Application No. 08/979,464 and its parent Application No. 08/159,141, which is also a parent application of 09/163,545 and a grandparent of the present application.

Consideration of the present claims and passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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## Secondary Battery

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

#### Field of the Invention

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The present invention relates to a secondary battery which can repeatedly be used, and <sup>more</sup> particularly, <sup>this invention relates</sup> to a reliable secondary battery capable of preventing short circuit <sup>growth,</sup> ~~occurring~~ due to dendrite <sup>even</sup> ~~if~~ <sup>while</sup> the battery is repeatedly charged and discharged.

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#### Related Background Art

Since global warming is expected ~~to take place~~ due to the greenhouse effect caused <sup>by</sup> ~~from~~ an increase in CO<sub>2</sub> and so forth, <sup>the</sup> construction of thermal power plants <sup>has become ed</sup> ~~encounters~~ <sup>etc</sup> problems. Accordingly, it has been considered feasible to perform so-called load levelling for the <sup>r</sup>purpose of effectively using generators by accumulating electric power at night in secondary batteries at homes to level the load.

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<sup>has been</sup> ~~There arises~~ <sup>Another desire</sup> ~~for a development of~~ a secondary battery which exhibits a high energy density for use in an electric car that does not exhaust air contamination substances. Further, development of a high performance secondary battery has been needed for use as a power source for portable equipment, such as <sup>a</sup> ~~a~~ book-type personal computer, <sup>a</sup> ~~a~~ word processor, <sup>a</sup> ~~a~~ video camera, and <sup>a</sup> ~~a~~ portable telephone.

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A locking chair type lithium ion battery capable

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1 of serving as the foregoing high performance secondary  
battery and comprising a positive pole activating  
material comprising lithium ions introduced into an  
interlayer compound thereof and a negative pole  
5 activating material comprising carbon has been  
developed and partially put into practical use.

However the lithium ion battery has not achieved  
the high energy density that is the original  
characteristics of the lithium battery which uses the  
10 metal lithium as the ~~positive~~<sup>negative</sup> pole activating material.  
The reason why a large capacity lithium accumulator of  
the type that uses ~~the~~<sup>g</sup> lithium metal as the ~~positive~~<sup>negative</sup>  
pole has not been put into practical use is that the  
generation of dendrites of the lithium (tree branch-  
15 like crystal), which ~~is~~<sup>are</sup> the main cause of ~~a~~<sup>g</sup> short  
circuit cannot be prevented yet.

The lithium battery, nickel-zinc battery and the  
air-zinc battery ~~encounters~~<sup>are problematic in</sup> that lithium or zinc is, as  
described above, deposited on the surface of the  
20 negative pole at the time of charge. At this time,  
the current density is locally raised on the negative  
pole surface depending upon the surface condition,  
causing lithium or zinc to be selectively deposited  
in the foregoing place. The deposited metal grows  
25 (dendrites) in the form of tree branches ~~with the~~  
~~progress of the charge and discharge cycles~~<sup>upon charging and discharging</sup>, while  
penetrating ~~a~~<sup>the</sup> separator until it reaches the

1 positive pole, causing a short circuit ~~to occur~~.

The dendrite reaction mechanism is considered as follows. Since lithium or zinc that deposits at the time of charge has a considerable reactivity, it  
5 reacts with electrolytic solution or water or the like in the electrolytic solution, causing an insulating film to be formed which has a large resistance. Therefore, the current density in the foregoing portion is raised at the time of the next charge, resulting in ~~that the~~ <sup>easy</sup>  
10 dendrite ~~can further easily grow~~ <sup>growth</sup>. It leads to a ~~fact~~ <sup>that</sup> that a short circuit ~~takes place~~ between the negative pole and the positive pole, resulting in that ~~the~~ <sup>charging</sup> charge cannot be performed.

If the short circuit ~~has taken place considerably~~ <sup>is extensive</sup>,  
15 the energy of the battery will be consumed in a very short time, causing ~~heat to be generated~~ <sup>the generation of</sup>. As a result, the solvent of the electrolytic solution can be decomposed, resulting in ~~generation of gas~~ <sup>the</sup>. ~~Therefore,~~  
20 ~~when~~ gas is generated, ~~causing~~ the internal pressure ~~to be~~ <sup>is</sup> raised. In ~~this~~ <sup>the worst</sup> case, an accident ~~of an exposure or~~ <sup>cycles</sup> fire can be generated ~~for the worst~~. Therefore, there has been a desire for a long life lithium accumulator that does not easily cause ~~the~~ internal short circuit even if the charge and ~~the~~ discharge <sup>are</sup> repeated.

25 Also nickel-zinc batteries and air-zinc batteries generate dendrites of zinc due to repetition of charging and discharging, <sup>with</sup> the dendrite ~~penetrating~~.

1 the separator. As a result, the zinc negative pole and  
the positive pole <sup>exhibit</sup> ~~encounter~~ a short circuit. Therefore,  
the foregoing conventional technology suffers from an  
excessively short cycle life.

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#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

An object of the present invention is to provide  
a lithium, lithium alloy, zinc or zinc alloy secondary  
battery capable of overcoming the foregoing problems  
10 <sup>associated</sup> ~~experienced~~ with the conventional secondary batteries  
and exhibiting a long cycle life.

In order to overcome the foregoing problems ~~of~~  
~~experienced with~~ the conventional technology, the  
inventors of the present invention have made energetic  
15 studies. As a result, <sup>it</sup> ~~a fact~~ was found that generation  
of dendrites of lithium or zinc can be prevented by  
forming a film permitting ions relating to battery  
reactions to pass through on the surface of the negative  
pole.

20 The present invention is characterized in that a  
secondary battery comprises a negative pole made of a  
negative pole activating material, a separator, a  
positive pole made of a positive pole activating  
material, an electrolyte (electrolytic solution), a  
25 collecting electrode and a battery case, wherein the  
surface of the negative pole is covered with a film  
permitting ions relating to battery reactions to pass



1 through.

The material of the film has a molecular structure or small apertures which do not permit the negative pole activating material which precipitates  
5 on the negative pole, but which permit ions relating to the battery reactions, to pass through.

The present invention is characterized in that the foregoing material of the film has been electron donative elements or groups for enabling the ions  
10 relating to the battery reactions to be easily conducted in the film.

The electron donative element is exemplified by oxygen atoms, nitrogen atoms, sulfur atoms and transition metal atoms, respectively, having a paired  
15 electron, a non-paired electron or electron d<sup>5</sup> (electrons in the d quantum shell). The electron donative group is exemplified by a ring compound and a compound having a carbon double bond having electron  $\pi$  (electron resonance) or an aromatic ring.

The film formed on the surface of the negative  
20 pole according to the present invention is characterized in that it cannot be dissolved by the electrolyte.

The inventor of the present invention found ~~a~~  
~~fact~~ that treatment of the surface of the negative pole with a nitrogen compound or a halogen compound, which is  
25 active in a gas phase, will prevent the generation of lithium dendrites.

According to the present invention, there is

1 provided a secondary battery having a negative pole  
activating material composed of lithium, a separator,  
a positive pole activating material, an electrolyte, a  
collector and a battery case, wherein at least the  
5 surface of the lithium negative pole opposing the  
positive pole is treated with <sup>a</sup> reactive and gaseous  
material containing nitrogen or a halogen element.

According to the present invention, there is  
provided a battery comprising a negative pole, a  
10 separator, a positive pole and an electrolyte, wherein  
one or more layers selected from a group consisting of  
a conductor layer, a semiconductor layer and an  
insulating layer are formed between the negative pole  
and the separator.

15 If the negative pole activating material is  
lithium or lithium alloy, the foregoing layer is formed  
into a micropore structure having small apertures  
permitting at least lithium ions to pass through. If  
zinc or zinc alloy is used, the small apertures  
20 permit hydride ions to pass through.

The small apertures permitting ions to pass  
through may be realized by the molecular structure of  
the material or by a manufacturing method. The small  
apertures can be easily formed by, for example,  
25 injecting an electrolyte into the foregoing layer at  
the time of forming the layer to manufacture the battery,  
the electrolyte being eluting<sup>ed</sup> to form the micropores.

1 Another method may be employed in which a foaming  
material is added at the time of forming the foregoing  
layer, <sup>with</sup> ~~and then~~ the micropores <sup>burn</sup> ~~are~~ formed by heat  
treatment or the like.

5 The structure of the stacked layers may be a  
single layer or a multi-layer composed of two or more  
layers or composed of a conductor layer, a semiconductor  
layer, an insulating layer and a composite layer  
containing two or more types of elements or compounds.

10 Further, <sup>it</sup> ~~a fact~~ was found that <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ separator  
partially including a film-shaped member (hereinafter  
sometimes called a "metal oxide film") of a metal oxide  
formed by a mold made of a bimolecular film forming  
compound is able to prevent short circuit <sup>from</sup> ~~in~~ the battery  
15 <sup>from</sup> occurring between the negative pole and the positive  
pole, <sup>where</sup> ~~even if~~ dendrite <sup>are</sup> ~~is~~ generated in the negative pole.

According to the present invention, there is  
provided a secondary battery comprising a negative pole  
made of a negative pole activating material, a positive  
20 pole made of a positive pole activating material and a  
separator which <sup>es</sup> ~~separating~~ the positive pole activating  
material and the negative pole activating material from  
each other, wherein at least a multi-layer metal oxide  
is present between the positive pole and the negative  
25 pole.

<sup>Also it</sup> ~~Another fact~~ was found that an arrangement <sup>wherein the</sup> ~~that~~  
surface of the positive pole is covered with a thin film

1 made of an insulating material or a semiconductor which  
is free from electron conduction and which permits ions  
relating to battery reactions <sup>to pass through</sup> will prevent short circuiting  
in the battery between the negative pole and the  
5 positive pole, even ~~if~~ <sup>when</sup> dendrites <sup>are</sup> generated in the  
negative pole.

According to the present invention, there is  
provided a secondary battery at least comprising a  
negative pole, a separator, a positive pole, an  
10 electrolyte, a collector and a battery case, wherein at  
least the surface of the positive pole opposing the  
negative pole is covered with one or more thin film  
layers selected from a group consisting of an insulating  
layer, a semiconductor layer, a layer composed of an  
15 insulating material and a semiconductor which permit  
ions relating to the battery reactions to pass through.

~~Also it~~ <sup>the use</sup>  
~~Another fact~~ was found that ~~employment~~ of a  
positive pole activating material 13104 of a lithium  
secondary battery made of a compound of one or more  
20 types of transition metals having a crystal grain size  
of 500 Å or less enables high capacity, large energy and  
long cycle life to be realized. The secondary battery  
of the foregoing type has a cross sectional shape  
schematically shown in Fig. 13. The same reference  
25 numerals as those shown in Fig. 1 represent the same  
structures.

According to the present invention, there is

1 provided a lithium secondary battery at least  
comprising a negative pole activating material, a  
separator, a positive pole activating material through  
which ions can be introduced/discharged due to charge/  
5 discharge, an electrolyte which is an ion conductor, a  
collecting electrode and a battery case, wherein the  
main component of the positive pole activating material  
13104 is a compound of one or more type<sup>s</sup> of transition  
metal and a group ~~6A~~<sup>VIA</sup> element and having a crystal grain  
10 size of 500 Å or less.

The main component material of the positive pole  
activating material has a structure of an aggregate  
selected from a group consisting of amorphous,  
microcrystal, a mixture of amorphous, microcrystal and  
15 a mixture of amorphous, microcrystal and multi-crystal.

The arrangement ~~that~~<sup>wherein</sup> the positive pole activating  
material of the lithium secondary battery is made of a  
compound of the transition metal having a structure of  
the aggregate selected from a group consisting of  
20 amorphous, microcrystal, a mixture of amorphous and a  
microcrystal and a mixture of an amorphous, a  
microcrystal and a multi-crystal, and the group ~~6A~~<sup>VIA</sup>  
element and having a crystal grain size of 500 Å or  
less, more preferably 200 Å, enables the following  
25 effects to be obtained:

(1) Since the reactive area of the positive  
pole activating material can be enlarged, the

1 electrochemical reactions at the time of charge and  
discharge can be made smooth, and therefore the  
chargeable capacity can be enlarged.

(2) The introduction and the discharge of  
5 lithium ions at the time of the charge and the discharge  
prevent the distortion of the positive pole activating  
material, causing the cycle life to be lengthened.

It is preferable that the specific area of the  
positive pole activating material mainly composed of the  
10 compound of the transition metal and the group ~~6A~~<sup>VIA</sup> element  
be  $50 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  or more in a state before the  
material is formed into the positive pole, more  
preferably  $100 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  or more.

The employment of the compound of the transition  
15 metal and the group ~~6A~~<sup>VIA</sup> element containing hydrogen will  
improve ~~in~~ the charge and discharge cycle  
characteristics.

By subjecting the positive pole activating  
material to a lipophilic treatment using an organic  
20 metal compound, the solid-liquid reactions between the  
electrolyte and the positive pole activating material  
can be made further smooth at the time of charge and  
~~the~~ discharge.

The compound of the transition metal and the  
25 group ~~6A~~<sup>VIA</sup> element is exemplified by a metal oxide such  
as a nickel oxide, a cobalt oxide, a titanium oxide, an  
iron oxide, a vanadium oxide, a manganese oxide,

1 a molybdenum oxide, a chrome oxide or a tungsten oxide,  
a metal sulfide such as a molybdenum sulfide, an iron  
sulfide or a titanium sulfide, a hydride such as an  
oxy iron hydride or their mixtures.

5 By employment of metal lithium having a film  
through which lithium ions are able to pass to form  
the negative pole activating material of the secondary  
battery, a lithium secondary battery exhibiting a long  
life and a high energy density can be obtained.

10 According to the present invention, there is  
provided a method of manufacturing a positive pole  
activating material of a lithium secondary battery at  
least comprising the step of forming a compound of a  
transition metal and a group ~~6A~~<sup>VIA</sup> element, the raw  
15 material of which is one or more types of materials  
selected from a group consisting of the transition  
metal, the salt of the transition metal, an organic  
metal compound of the transition metal, a hydride of the  
transition metal, a ~~hydrogated~~ transition metal, a <sup>oxide</sup>  
20 carbonyl compound of a transition metal and a transition  
metal oxide and which has a structure of an aggregate  
having a crystal grain size of  $500 \text{ \AA}$  or less, more  
preferably  $200 \text{ \AA}$  or less and selected from a group  
consisting of amorphous, microcrystal, a mixture of  
25 amorphous and microcrystal and a mixture of amorphous,  
microcrystal and multi-crystal.

According to the present invention, there is

1 provided a method of manufacturing a positive pole  
activating material which is a compound of a transition  
metal and a group ~~6A~~<sup>VIA</sup> element, the method comprising the  
steps of:

5 employing one or more types of reactions  
selected from a group consisting of a reaction between  
a salt of the transition metal and alkali, a hydrolysis  
decomposition reaction of an organic transition metal  
compound and a reaction between the transition metal and  
10 alkali to prepare a hydride of the transition metal;

employing a dehydrating reaction or decomposition  
of the salt of the transition metal or the organic  
transition metal compound in a gas phase or a reaction  
between the salt of the transition metal or the  
15 decomposed material of the organic transition metal  
compound or vapor of the transition metal and the group  
~~6A~~<sup>VIA</sup> element or the group ~~6A~~<sup>VIA</sup> compound;

melting one or more types of materials selected  
from a group consisting of the transition metal and the  
20 transition metal compound to be allowed to react with  
one or more types of materials selected from a group  
consisting of the group ~~6A~~<sup>VIA</sup> element and the compound of  
the group ~~6A~~<sup>VIA</sup> element; and

rapidly cooling the materials to form an  
25 aggregate having a crystal grain size of 500 Å or less  
and formed into a structure selected from a group  
consisting of amorphous, microcrystal, a mixture of



1 amorphous and microcrystal and a mixture of amorphous,  
microcrystal and multi-crystal.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

5 Fig. 1 is a basic structural view which  
illustrates a secondary battery according to the  
present invention;

Fig. 2 is a schematic cross<sup>1</sup>sectional view  
which illustrates a flat battery to which the present  
10 invention is applied;

Fig. 3 is a schematic cross<sup>1</sup>sectional view  
which illustrates an example of a cylindrical battery  
to which the present invention is applied;

Fig. 4 is a schematic view which illustrates an  
15 example of a partial structure of a negative pole  
covered with a film through which ions relating to  
battery reactions are able to pass;

Fig. 5 is a basic structural view which  
illustrates another embodiment of the secondary battery  
20 according to the present invention;

Fig. 6 is a schematic structural view which  
illustrates an apparatus for subjecting lithium for use  
in the secondary battery according to the present  
invention to surface treatment;

25 Fig. 7 is a schematic structural view which  
illustrates an apparatus for subjecting lithium for use  
in the secondary battery according to the present



1 invention to surface treatment;

Fig. 8 is a schematic view which illustrates an effect of the present invention;

5 Figs. 9A to 9H are views which illustrate examples of layer stacking patterns according to the present invention including a conductor layer, a semiconductor layer and an insulating layer between the negative pole and the separator thereof;

Fig. 10 is another basic structural view which illustrates the secondary battery according to the present invention;

Fig. 11 is a schematic cross-sectional view which illustrates another cylindrical battery to which the present invention is applied;

15 Fig. 12 is another basic structural view which illustrates the secondary battery according to the present invention; and

Fig. 13 is another basic structural view which illustrates the secondary battery according to the present invention.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

### Structure of Battery

(Insert) 1  
25 A secondary battery according to the present invention comprises a negative pole, a separator, a positive pole, an electrolyte and a collector. Fig. 1 is a basic structural view which illustrates the

1 secondary battery. Referring to Fig. 1, reference  
numeral 100 represents a negative collector, 101  
represents a negative pole substantially made of  
negative pole activating material, 102 represents a  
5 ~~shell~~<sup>film</sup>, 103 represents a positive collector, 104  
represents a positive pole substantially made of  
positive pole activating material, 105 represents an  
electrolytic solution (electrolyte), 106 represents a  
negative terminal, 107 represents a positive terminal,  
10 109 represents a case for the secondary battery, and 108  
represents a separator. Figs. 5, 10 and 12 illustrate  
another basic structure in which a multi-layer oxide  
film 10102, an ion permeable film <sup>12102</sup>~~10102~~ and a layer 5102  
applied with lithium surface treatment in place of the  
15 film 102. If the lithium battery comprises the negative  
pole 101 made of the negative active material which  
is lithium or lithium alloy, lithium ions in the  
electrolytic solution 105 are introduced into the space  
between the layers of the positive pole activating  
20 material of the positive pole 104 through the permeable  
film due to the discharge reaction in a case of the  
structure shown in Fig. 12. Simultaneously, lithium  
ions are dissolved and discharged from the negative pole  
activating material 101 into the electrolyte 105 through  
25 the film 102 and the multi-layer metal oxide 10102. In  
the charging reaction, lithium ions in the electrolytic<sup>ce</sup>  
solution 105 are, in the form of lithium metal,

1 precipitated into the negative pole activating material  
through the film 102 (dendrites can easily <sup>grow</sup> ~~grow~~ if the  
film 102 is not present). Simultaneously, lithium  
between the layers of the positive pole activating  
5 material 104 is dissolved and discharged into the  
electrolytic solution 105. Although lithium ions  
precipitated during the charging reaction are in a very  
active state to react with <sup>a</sup> ~~small~~ quantity <sup>of</sup> ~~of~~ water, oxygen,  
impurities or solvent <sup>contained</sup> ~~in~~ the electrolyte ~~contained~~, the  
10 structure in which the surface of the negative pole 101  
is covered with the film 102 prevents direct contact  
between the precipitated lithium and the electrolytic  
solution. Therefore, the generation of dendrites, which  
causes ~~the~~ battery short circuit to occur, can be  
15 prevented.

<sup>the</sup>  
In a case of an alkali battery comprising the  
negative pole activating material 101 made of zinc or  
zinc alloy, the discharge reaction takes place in such a  
manner that hydroxyl ions in the electrolytic solution  
20 105, similarly to the above, react with the negative  
pole activating material 101 of the negative pole 101  
through the film 102. Simultaneously, hydroxyl ions are  
discharged into the electrolytic solution 105 from the  
positive pole activating material of the positive pole  
25 104. The charging reaction is performed in such a  
manner that hydroxyl ions are discharged from the  
negative pole 101 into the electrolytic solution 105

1 through the film 102 (if the film 102 is not present at  
this time, zinc ions in the electrolytic solution 105  
easily cause dendrites to <sup>grow</sup> ~~grow~~ on the negative pole).  
Simultaneously, hydroxyl ions in the electrolytic  
5 solution 105 react with the positive pole 104.  
Similarly to the case where the negative pole activating  
material is lithium, the <sup>presence</sup> ~~present~~ of the film 102  
prevents generation of zinc dendrites at the time of  
charging.

10 Therefore, the present invention is able to  
prevent short circuits in the battery, lengthen the life  
of the secondary battery and improve ~~the~~ safety.

If the foregoing negative pole activating  
material is lithium or lithium alloy, lithium ions are  
15 used in the reactions in the battery. In the case of  
the alkali battery containing zinc as the negative pole  
activating material, hydroxyl ions are used in the  
reactions. The batteries comprising zinc as the  
negative pole activating material is typified by nickel-  
20 zinc battery, air-zinc battery and bromine-zinc battery  
(however, the bromine-zinc battery comprises zinc ion  
as the negative side ion that <sup>is</sup> ~~are~~ used in the inside  
reactions).

#### Method of Forming Negative Pole

25 The negative pole can be formed by any one of  
the following methods as well as the method for  
forming the same by directly covering the surface of

1 the negative pole activating material with a coating material by a dipping method, a spraying method or a CVD method.

It is effective to employ a method in which a  
5 conductive and porous matrix (the base), for example, a sponge-like or <sup>fibrous</sup> fiber metal or carbon, having communication holes, is covered with a coating material through which ions for use in the reactions in the battery can be passed through, and then lithium or zinc,  
10 which is the negative pole activating material, is caused to <sup>electro-deposit</sup> ~~electrochemical precipitate and adhere~~ so that the negative pole is formed. If a porous and conductive matrix has a wide specific area, the current density per unit area at the time of <sup>the</sup> charge and <sup>the</sup> discharge can be lowered. Therefore, the growth of <sup>the</sup> dendrites can be prevented and accordingly the charging/  
15 discharging efficiency <sup>cy</sup> can be improved.

It is preferable that the film made of a coating material, through which ions can be <sup>passed through, wherein</sup> ~~the~~ small apertures <sup>serving</sup> as the spaces, in which the lithium can be <sup>deposited</sup> ~~precipitated~~, be formed into a 3D net shape.

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Another effective method may be employed which <sup>includes</sup> ~~has~~ steps of directly immersing a porous and conductive  
25 matrix in the melted negative pole activating material, taking out the matrix, covering the surface of the conductive matrix with the negative active material or

1 electrochemically covering the same with the negative  
pole activating material, and applying a coating  
material through which ions for use in the reactions in  
the battery can be passed to the surface.

5 Fig. 4 is a schematic view which illustrates a  
partial structure of a negative pole formed by covering  
a conductive matrix 400 with a negative pole activating  
material 401 and a coating material 402 through which  
ions for use in the reactions in the battery can be  
10 passed.

#### Material for Covering the Surface of Negative Pole

The coating material for covering the surface of  
the negative pole will now be described (1 to 7).

##### 1. Film Having an Inorganic Glass Structure

15 By covering the surface of the negative pole  
activating material with <sup>a</sup>the film having an inorganic  
glass structure, through which ions for use in the  
reactions in the battery can be passed, the reactions  
between lithium and water or oxygen can be prevented,  
20 causing <sup>ease</sup>~~easiness~~ in handling if the negative pole  
activating material is lithium. Further, the direct  
contact between the lithium and the electrolytic  
solution does not take place. Therefore, the growth of  
the polymer film formed from the solvent of the  
25 electrolytic solution on the surface of lithium can be  
prevented. If the negative active material is zinc, the  
elution of zinc into the electrolytic solution can be



1 prevented. As a result, formation of dendrites can be  
prevented and therefore the cycle life against charge  
and discharge can be lengthened. Since the film having  
the inorganic glass structure is flame retardant or  
5 incombustible, safety in an emergency breakage or the  
like can be improved. The foregoing inorganic glass may  
be made <sup>of</sup> any one ~~of a~~ metal oxide selected from <sup>the</sup> a group  
consisting of silica, titanium oxide, alumina, zirconia  
oxide, magnesium oxide, tantalum oxide, molybdenum  
10 oxide, tungsten <sup>oxide</sup> ~~molybdenum~~, tin oxide, indium oxide,  
iron oxide, chrome oxide, aluminum phosphate, iron  
phosphate, silicon phosphate and their mixtures. In  
particular, it is preferable to employ silica, titanium  
oxide, alumina, zirconia oxide or aluminum phosphate.

15 A sol-gel method is one <sup>of</sup> adequate methods for  
forming the inorganic glass. However, ~~the fact that~~  
~~due to~~ <sup>the</sup> lithium has a low melting point <sup>of</sup> (181°C) <sup>of lithium,</sup> ~~causes a~~  
~~necessity to arise for the operation of directly~~  
~~applying~~ <sup>must be directly applied</sup> the foregoing material to the surface of  
20 lithium ~~to be performed~~ at low temperature. Since  
lithium reacts with water and alcohol, the operation  
must be performed <sup>such that</sup> ~~in a circumstance in which~~ no water  
and alcohol is present (the case in which the inorganic  
glass is previously applied to the conductive matrix or  
25 the case where the negative pole activating material is  
zinc are excluded).

Therefore, the sol-gel method, which is the typical

1 inorganic coating method at low temperature, must be  
performed with any particular means. The raw material  
for the material having the inorganic glass structure is  
obtained in such a manner that an acid or a base and  
5 water are added to a solution of alcohol of an organic  
metal compound such as a metal alkoxide to hydrolyze the  
raw material so as to form colloid particles having  
metal atom-oxygen atom bonds, and then the solvent is  
substituted by a non-hydric solvent except alcohol.

10 The surface coating of the negative pole activating  
material is formed in a manner comprising steps of  
directly applying the foregoing colloid solution, or  
applying a solution, in which a monomer or an organic  
polymer or both organic polymer and a crosslinking  
15 material are dissolved in the colloid solution, and  
polymerizing it or drying and hardening it. By  
combining the organic polymers, strength against cracks  
and separations can be improved. If the electrolyte for  
forming the battery is dissolved in the colloid solution  
20 to form the film, wettability with the electrolytic  
solution can be improved, causing ions to be moved  
easily.

As an alternative to alkoxide, any one of the  
following organic metal compounds may be employed:

25 acetyl acetone salt, an alkyl metal compound, acetyl  
acetone metal salt, <sup>naphthene</sup>~~naphthene~~ acid metal salt, and  
octyl acid metal salt.

1           The organic polymer for combining the organic  
polymers is exemplified by epoxy resin, polyester,  
polyimide, polyethylene, polypropylene, polyurethane,  
polystyrene, polyethylene glycol, nylon, fluorine resin  
5 and silicon resin.

          The polymer crosslinking material is exemplified by  
diisocyanate, polyisocyanate prepolymer, block  
isocyanate, organic peroxide, polyamine, oxims<sup>e</sup>, nitroso  
compound, sulfur or sulfur compound, selenium, magnesium  
10 oxide, lead oxide and zinc oxide. As an alternative to  
using the crosslinking material, a method may be  
employed in which radial rays or electron rays or  
ultraviolet rays are applied to polymerize or crosslink  
the polymer.

15           As an application method, a dipping method, screen  
printing, spraying or a roll coating method may be  
employed. The viscosity of the liquid to be applied  
must adequately be adjusted to be adaptable to the  
application method.

20           In order to facilitate the movement of the charge  
at the time of the charging operation, powder or fiber  
or whisker of conductive material such as carbon or  
titanium may be mixed with the foregoing film forming  
solution.

25           It is preferable that the thickness of the film to  
be formed on the surface of the negative pole activating  
material ranges from 50 Å to 100 μ, further preferably

1 ranges from  $100 \text{ \AA}$  to  $10 \mu$ . The optimum thickness of the  
film differs depending upon the density or the ~~void~~<sup>porosity</sup>  
~~ratio~~ of the film and considerably differs depending  
upon the type of the electrolytic solution.

5 The thickness of the film can be adjusted by  
changing the concentration of the main material in the  
coating liquid for forming the film.

## 2. Polymer Film of Derivative of Aromatic Hydrocarbon Compound

10 By covering the surface of the negative pole  
activating material with a polymer film of a derivative  
of an aromatic hydrocarbon compound, the reaction  
between lithium and water or oxygen can be prevented in  
the case where the negative pole activating material is  
15 lithium. ~~It leads to a fact that handling~~ can be  
facilitated<sup>in this way</sup>. Further, the contact between lithium and  
electrolytic solution can be prevented. Therefore, the  
growth of a polymer film, which is formed from the  
solvent of the electrolytic solution, on the surface of  
20 lithium can be prevented. If the negative pole  
activating material is zinc, elution of zinc into the  
electrolytic solution is prevented by the film.

As a result, formation of dendrites can be prevented  
and therefore the life against the charge and discharge  
25 cycle can be lengthened. The derivative of the aromatic  
hydrocarbon for forming the charge moving complex with  
lithium is one or more derivatives selected from ~~a~~<sup>the</sup> group

1 consisting of naphthalene, anthracene, ~~phenanthrene~~<sup>phenanthrene</sup>,  
naphthalene, pyrene, triphenylene, ~~perylene~~<sup>perylene</sup>, picene,  
benzopyrene, coronene and ovalene. The polymer for use  
to form the coating material can be prepared by  
5 polymerization or copolymerization of vinyl monomer,  
monomer of acetylene derivative or dicarboxylic acid and  
a monomer such as glycol. The polymerization of the  
vinyl monomer can be performed by radical or ion  
polymerization. The monomer of the acetylene derivative  
10 can be polymerized while using a chloride of tungsten as  
a catalyzer. The dicarboxylic acid and diamine can be  
polycondensed, and the dicarboxylic acid and glycol can  
~~as well as~~<sup>as well</sup> be polycondensed. The monomer of the  
aromatic derivative for forming the polymer is  
15 exemplified by 2 - vinyl naphthalene, 2 - vinyl  
pyridine, 9 - vinyl anthracene, 9, 10 - anthracene  
dipropionic acid, 9, 10 - bis (phenyl ethyl) anthracene  
and 5, 12 - bis (phenyl ethynyl) naphthalene. It is  
preferable to use 2 - vinyl naphthalene or 9 - vinyl  
20 anthracene.

A starting material for the radical polymerization  
is exemplified by azobisisobutyronitrile (AIBN),  
benzoylperoxide (BPO) and t-butylhydroperoxide. A  
starting material for the cation polymerization is  
25 exemplified by an acid such as  $H_2SO_4$ ,  $H_3PO_4$ ,  $HClO_4$ ,  
 $CCl_3$  or  $CO_2H$  and <sup>a</sup>Friedel-Craft catalyzer <sup>if</sup> such as  $BF_3$ ,  
 $AlCl_3$ ,  $TiCl_4$  or  $SnCl_4$ . A large ring compound having

- 1 an aromatic ring can be polymerized by dehydrogenation  
in which the Friedel-Craft catalyzer and an oxidizer are  
combined <sup>with</sup> ~~to~~ each other. A starting material for the  
anion polymerization may be an alkaline metal compound  
5 or an organic metal compound.

As an alternative to the foregoing method, a  
polymer into which an aromatic group <sup>can be substituted</sup> can be obtained by  
subjecting the side chain of each polymer to a  
substitution reaction with a derivative of an aromatic  
10 compound. Another method may be employed in which an  
electrolytic polymerization reaction is <sup>performed</sup> ~~caused to take~~ <sup>a</sup>  
~~place~~ in an electrolytic solution containing a monomer  
mixed therein to form directly a polymer of an aromatic  
compound on the surface of lithium.

- 15 When the surface of lithium is ~~applied with a~~  
~~coating~~ <sup>coated</sup> ~~by~~ using the foregoing polymer solution, it is  
preferable to use a polymer solution dehydrated and  
deoxidized sufficiently in inactive gas ~~dehydrated~~  
~~sufficiently~~. It is preferable to use a solvent in the  
20 foregoing solution which has been dehydrated with active  
alumina, molecular <sup>sieve</sup> ~~shave~~, phosphorus pentaoxide or  
calcium chloride. As an alternative to this, it is  
preferable, depending upon the type of ~~the~~ solvent, that  
the solvent be distilled <sup>in the</sup> ~~under~~ presence of alkaline  
25 metal in inactive gas to remove impurities and ~~to~~ be  
dehydrated (however, the necessity of strictly  
controlling water can be eliminated when the polymer is

- 1 previously applied to the conductive matrix or when the negative pole activating material is zinc).

An electrolyte may previously be mixed when the foregoing film is formed. ~~It leads to a fact that~~  
5 Wettability between the electrolytic solution and the film can be improved<sup>in this way</sup>, causing ions to easily pass through the film. In order to facilitate the ~~movement~~<sup>transfer</sup> of the charge at the time of charging, conductive powder, such as carbon or titanium, fiber or whisker may  
10 be mixed at the time of forming the film.

Since the performance of the battery deteriorates if the polymer coating film is dissolved in an organic solvent of the electrolyte, it is preferable to be crosslinked in such a manner, for example, ultraviolet  
15 rays, electron rays or radial rays are applied or a crosslinking material, such as a radical generating agent, is used.

It is preferable that the thickness of the film to be formed on the surface of the negative pole activating material ranges from 50 Å to 100 μ<sup>and</sup> more preferably ranges from 100 Å to 10 μ.

The optimum thickness of the film differs depending upon the density or the ~~void ratio~~<sup>porosity</sup> of the film and considerably differs depending upon the type of the  
25 electrolytic solution. The thickness of the film can be adjusted by changing the concentration of the main material in the coating liquid for forming the film.

1 3. Organic Metal Compound

When the surface of lithium and <sup>an</sup>~~the~~ organic metal compound react with each other, bonding with lithium atoms takes place so that a film having a surface which is organic-bonded is formed. As a result, the wettability (the lipophilic property) is improved, causing lithium ions to be easily introduced/discharged at the time of the charge and discharge. Further, the surface coating film prevents ~~the~~ direct contact between lithium and the organic solvent, <sup>and therefore</sup> ~~causing~~ the formation <sup>e</sup>~~on the surface of lithium~~ of a polymerized film of the organic solvent, which increases the resistance <sup>of</sup>~~in~~ the battery, can be prevented. As a result, formation of dendrites can be prevented, and therefore life against the charge and discharge cycle can be lengthened. Further, reactions between lithium and water during the manufacturing process can be prevented and accordingly handling can be made easier. If the content of lithium in the film is high in the lithium battery according to the present invention, rapid reactions of lithium at an emergency breakage can be prevented.

The foregoing organic metal compound may be a material selected from <sup>the</sup>~~a~~ group consisting of: metal alkoxide, alkaline metal compound, acetyl acetone metal salt, naphthene acid metal salt, or <sup>octyl</sup>~~octyl~~ acid metal salt of metal, such as titanium, aluminum, silicon, zirconium, tantalum, magnesium, indium, tin, molybdenum,



1 tungsten or germanium. Among the foregoing organic  
metal compounds, it is preferable to use a metal  
compound of silicon or titanium or aluminum ~~because of~~ *due to*  
*ease of film formation*  
~~easy forming of the film~~ and excellent stability of the  
5 formed film.

The organic silicon compound may be alkoxysilane,  
alkylsilane, halogenated silane, siloxane, silane  
containing vinyl group, amino group, epoxy group,  
methacrylic group or mercaptal group introduced thereto,  
10 hydrogen - denatured, vinyl - denatured, hydroxyl group  
denatured, amino - denatured, carboxylic group  
denatured, chloro - denatured, epoxy denatured,  
*methacryloxy*  
~~methachryloxy~~ - denatured, mercapto - denatured,  
fluorine - denatured, long - chain - alkyl denatured  
15 or phenyl - denatured polysiloxane, alkylene oxide  
denatured siloxane copolymer, silicon - denatured  
copolymer, alkoxysilane - denatured polymer, silicon -  
denatured urethane or silicon - denatured nylon.

The organic titanium compound may be  
20 alkoxytitanium, titanium chelate, titanium *acrylate*  
~~acylate~~ or  
titanium polymer.

The organic aluminum compound may be  
alkoxyaluminum, alkylaluminum or a halogenated aluminum.

The organic silicon-titanium compound may be a  
25 tyranopolymer of a silicon polymer crosslinked to the  
main chain of a polycarbosilane skeleton with a titanium  
compound.

1           Also a material prepared by introducing a  
derivative of an organic metal compound into a polymer  
by substitution may be used as the coating material.

5           The film may be formed by directly applying the  
organic compound or by applying it after <sup>diluting</sup> ~~diluted~~ with a  
solvent if the organic compound is in the form of  
liquid. If the organic compound is in the form of a  
solid, a solution <sup>an appropriate</sup> ~~dissolved~~ in a solvent can be applied.  
The organic compound may be applied by dipping, screen  
10 printing, spraying or roll coating. The viscosity of  
the foregoing coating liquid must adequately be adjusted  
to be suitable for the employed coating method.

15           By mixing the organic metal compound at the time  
of forming the film, the wettability of the electrolytic  
solution can be improved and accordingly ions can easily  
be introduced/discharged at the time of the charge and  
~~the~~ <sup>transfer</sup> discharge. Further, the ~~movement~~ of the charge can  
be made easier at the time of the battery charge by  
mixing powder or fiber or whisker of conductive material  
20 such as carbon or titanium at the time of applying the  
organic metal compound.

25           It is preferable that the thickness of the film  
to be formed on lithium ranges from 50 Å to 100 μ <sup>and</sup> more  
preferably <sup>from</sup> 100 Å to 10 μ. The optimum thickness of the  
film differs depending upon the density or the void <sup>porosity</sup> ~~ratio~~  
~~ratio~~ of the film and considerably differs depending  
upon the type of the electrolytic solution. The

1 thickness of the film can be adjusted by changing the  
concentration of the main material in the coating  
liquid for forming the film.

#### 4. Fluororesin Coating Material

5 By using fluorine resin of a type having an ether  
bond to cover the surface of lithium, the surface  
coating process can be completed easily and the contact  
between lithium and the film can be improved.

The presence of oxygen atoms <sup>in</sup> ~~of~~ the fluorine  
10 resin having the ether bond makes easier the coordination  
of lithium ions, enabling lithium ions to be moved  
easily in the fluorine resin.

Further, the surface coating film prevents the<sup>e</sup>  
direct contact between the lithium metal and the organic  
15 solvent, and therefore the formation of a polymerized  
film of the organic solvent, which increases the  
internal resistance of the battery, on the surface of  
lithium can be prevented.

As a result, the formation of dendrites can be  
20 prevented and therefore the life against the charge and  
discharge cycle can be lengthened.

By covering the surface of lithium with the  
fluorine resin, reactions of lithium with water or  
oxygen can be prevented, <sup>facilitating</sup> ~~causing~~ handling to be<sup>e</sup>  
25 ~~facilitated.~~

Since the fluorine resin is a flame retardant  
resin, it <sup>promotes</sup> ~~exhibits~~ safety <sup>with respect to</sup> ~~at the time of~~ an emergency

1 fire accident.

The fluorine resin for covering the surface of lithium is exemplified by: a copolymer with a vinyl monomer, such as vinyl ether, dioxysol, dioxyne or  
5 dioxycene having an ether bond with fluoroethylene or diene monomer derivative or a copolymer with a vinyl monomer, such as vinyl ether, dioxysol or dioxyne, <sup>o</sup>dioxycene having a fluorized ether bond with a diene compound, such as ethylene. In particular, it is  
10 preferable to use a copolymer with vinyl ether having an ether bond with fluoroethylene. The fluoroethylene may be a fluoroethylene derivative such as tetrafluoroethylene, chlorotrifluoroethylene, vinylidene fluoride or vinyl fluoride. The fluoroethylene  
15 copolymer containing the ether bond can be polymerized by a solution, suspension, block or emulsion polymerization. As a starting material, a peroxide, alkyl boron, light or radial rays may be employed.

The fluoro-resin can be coated on lithium metal  
20 by any one of the following methods:

a. A solution of the fluoro-resin is applied by spraying, screen printing, by using a coater or by dipping.

b. The fluoro-resin is directly coated to the  
25 surface of lithium by a vacuum evaporation method such as sputtering.

c. A polymer film is directly formed by plasma

1 polymerization under an atmosphere of monomer which is  
the raw material for the fluoro-resin.

If the lithium surface is coated by using the  
fluoro-resin solution, it is preferable to use, in an  
5 inactive gas dehydrated sufficiently, a fluoro-resin  
solution dehydrated and deoxidized sufficiently. It is  
preferable to use a solvent in the foregoing solution  
which has been dehydrated with active alumina, molecular  
~~sheave~~<sup>sieve</sup>, phosphorus pentoxide or calcium chloride. As  
10 an alternative to this, it is preferable depending upon  
the type of the solvent that the solvent be distilled  
under presence of alkaline metal in inactive gas to  
remove impurities and to be dehydrated. However, the  
necessity of strictly controlling water can be  
15 eliminated when lithium is electrochemically inserted  
and allowed to ~~adhere~~<sup>deposit</sup> between the fluoro-resin and the  
conductive matrix.

An electrolyte may previously be mixed when the  
foregoing film is formed. ~~It leads to a fact that~~  
20 ~~Wettability~~<sup>W</sup> between the electrolytic solution and the  
film can be improved<sup>in this way</sup>, causing ions to ~~easily pass~~  
through the film. In order to facilitate the ~~movement~~<sup>transfer</sup>  
of the charge at the time of charging, conductive  
powder, such as carbon or titanium, fiber or whisker  
25 may be mixed at the time of forming the film.

Since the performance of the battery  
deteriorates if the fluoro-resin film is dissolved in

1 an organic solvent of the electrolytic solution, it is  
preferable that the film is crosslinked.

As an alternative to the foregoing method of  
coating the lithium surface with the fluororesin  
5 solution, another method may be employed in which a  
fluorocompound, such as tetrafluoroethylene is  
polymerized with the main raw material with plasma to  
be applied to the surface. It is preferable to employ  
another method for improving the contact and strength  
10 of the film in which oxygen, hydrogen, helium, argon,  
nitrogen, silane, hydrocarbon or the like is mixed with  
the fluorocompound which is the main material. The  
plasma can effectively be generated by a DC or RF glow  
discharge method, a microwave discharge method or a  
15 laser beam irradiation method.

It is preferable that the thickness of the film  
to be formed on the surface of lithium ranges from 50 Å  
to 100 μ<sup>and</sup> more preferably ranges from 100 Å to 10 μ.  
The optimum thickness of the film differs depending upon  
20 the density or the <sup>porosity</sup> ~~void ratio~~ of the film and  
considerably differs depending upon the type of the  
electrolytic solution. The thickness of the film can  
be adjusted by changing the concentration of the main  
material in the coating liquid for forming the film.

## 25 5. Large Ring Compound

By coating the surface of the negative pole  
activating material with a large ring compound through

1 which ions for use in the reactions in the battery can  
be passed, the reactions between lithium and water or  
oxygen can be prevented if the negative active material  
is lithium. As a result, handling can easily be  
5 performed. Further, the direct contact between lithium  
and the electrolytic solution can be prevented, and  
therefore the growth of a polymer film on the surface of  
lithium to be formed from the solvent of the electrolytic  
solution can be prevented. If the negative pole  
10 activating material is zinc, the dissolution of zinc  
into the electrolytic solution can be prevented. As a  
result, the formation of dendrites can be prevented,  
causing the life against the charge and discharge cycle  
to ~~can~~ be lengthened.

15 The large ring compound is a large ring compound  
having heteroatoms composed of one or more types of  
atoms selected from a group consisting of oxygen,  
nitrogen and sulfur. In order to <sup>pass</sup> cause ions for use  
in the reactions in the battery ~~to be passed~~  
20 satisfactorily, a compound having one or more structures  
selected from a group consisting of ring polyether, ring  
polyamide, ring polythioether, azacrown ether, ring  
thioether, thiocrown ether, cryptand, cycrum, nonactyne  
and bariomicine each having a hole having a <sup>radius larger</sup> ~~radius larger~~  
25 than the <sup>radius</sup> ~~radius~~ of ions to be used in the reactions in  
the battery, thyracrown, cyclodextrin, cyclophane,  
<sup>phthalocyanine</sup> ~~phthalocyanine~~ and porphyrin each of which is <sup>a</sup> crown

1 ether having silicon atoms. It is preferable to use  
crown ether polymer, bariomicine, phthalocyanine or  
~~porphyrin~~  
~~perphylin.~~

By covering the surface of the negative pole  
5 activating material with the large ring compound, the  
~~movement~~  
~~transfere~~ of ions for use in the battery reactions  
between the electrolytic solution and the negative pole  
activating material can be made easier. Therefore,  
local generation of zinc or lithium dendrites on the  
10 negative pole can be prevented. Further, reactions  
between fresh lithium or zinc generated at the time of  
the charge with the solvent of the electrolytic solution  
can be prevented.

The surface coating of the large ring compound  
15 to be applied to the surface of the negative active  
agent can be performed in any of the following methods;

a. A polymer solution obtained, by polymerization,  
from the derivative of the large ring compound is  
applied by dipping, spraying, screen printing <sup>or</sup> ~~and~~ coater  
20 coating.

b. A mixture of the binder polymer and the  
derivative of the large ring compound is applied, and  
then it is crosslinked so that the film is formed.

c. The derivative of the large ring compound  
25 is, as a monomer, dissolved in an electrolytic solution,  
an electric field is applied to the solution, and then  
the film is formed on the surface of the negative pole



1 activating material or the conductive matrix by  
electrolytic polymerization.

d. Lithium is immersed in a solution of the  
derivative of the large ring compound, which can be  
5 anion-polymerized by lithium, so that the polymer film  
is formed.

e. A polymer is applied, the polymer being  
obtained by heating and condensing a large ring  
compound having an aromatic ring and formaldehyde in  
10 ~~a~~ formic acid.

f. The film is formed by sputtering the large  
ring compound or the polymer of the same or by plasma-  
polymerizing the same.

An electrolyte may be mixed at the time of  
15 forming the foregoing film. As a result, the  
wettability between the electrolytic solution and the  
film can be improved, causing ions to be easily passed  
through the film. In order to facilitate the ~~movement~~<sup>transfer</sup>  
of ~~the~~ charge at the time of the charging operation,  
20 powder or fiber or whisker of conductive material such  
as carbon or titanium may be mixed at the time of  
forming the film.

As the polymer for use in the coating solution,  
poly [(dibenzo - 18 - crown - 6) - coformaldehyde] or  
25 the like can be used. A polymer for coating can ~~newly~~<sup>newly</sup>  
be prepared by the following polymerization reactions.  
By condensation polymerization of a large ring compound

1 having, at the terminative group thereof, carboxylic  
group or amino group or a hydroxyl group, polyamide can  
be obtained if the carboxylic group and the amino group  
react with each other. Polyester can be obtained if  
5 the carboxylic group and the hydroxyl group react with  
each other. The vinyl compound of the large ring  
compound or diene of the large ring compound enables an  
additive polymer to be obtained by radical polymerization,  
cation polymerization or anion polymerization. The  
10 starting material of the radical polymerization may be  
azobisisobutyronitrile (AIBN), <sup>benzoylperoxide</sup> ~~benzoylperoxide~~ (BPO) or t-  
butylhydroperoxide. A starting material for the cation  
polymerization is exemplified by an acid such as  $H_2SO_4$ ,  
 $H_3PO_4$ ,  $HClO_4$ ,  $CCl_3$  or  $CO_2H$  and <sup>a</sup>Friedel-Craft cataly~~zer~~  
15 such as  $BF_3$ ,  $AlCl_3$ ,  $TiCl_4$  or  $SnCl_4$ . A large ring  
compound having an aromatic ring can be polymerized by  
dehydrogenation in which the Friedel-Craft cataly~~zer~~ and  
an oxidizer are combined <sup>with</sup> each other. A starting  
material for the anion polymerization may be an alkaline  
20 metal compound or an organic metal compound.

As the monomer of the large ring compound for use  
in the polymerization may be crown ether/(+) - 18 -  
crown - 6 - tetracarboxylic acid, 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21 -  
~~hexathiacyclotetrasiloxane~~ <sup>hexathiacyclotetrasiloxane</sup> - 3, 11, <sup>e</sup>19 - triol, 1, 5, 9,  
25 13 - tetrathiacyclohexadecan - 3, 11 - diol, 1 - aza -  
12 - crown - 4, 1 - aza - 15 - crown - 5, 1 - aza - 18 -  
crown - 6, 1, 4, 10, 13 - ~~tetrakis~~ <sup>tetraoxy</sup> - 7, 16 -

- 1 ~~diazocyclooctadecan~~, 1, 4, 10 - trioxa - 7, 13 -  
~~diazocyclopentadecan~~, or 6, 8 - dioxabicyclo [3. 2. 1] -  
~~oxetane~~ - 7 - on. As an alternative to this,  
dibenzocrown ether can be used.

- 5 In the foregoing polymerization, a copolymer of  
two more types of derivatives of the large ring compounds  
or a copolymer of the large ring compound and another  
monomer may be used as well as the polymer of the  
derivatives of the large ring compounds. A polymer  
10 obtainable by introducing the derivative of the large  
ring compound into a polymer by substitution may be  
employed.

- When a battery is manufactured, a polymer must be  
selected so as not to be dissolved in the solvent of the  
15 electrolytic solution or the polymer crosslinking  
reactions are caused to proceed so as not <sup>to</sup> be dissolved  
in the electrolytic solution.

- The derivative of the large ring compound having,  
<sup>as e</sup> at the terminative group thereof, carboxylic group or  
20 amino group or a hydroxyl group or having a vinyl bond  
or a diene bond and a crosslinking material are mixed in  
the polymer serving as the binder, and then the mixed  
material is hardened. The crosslinking material is  
selected from <sup>the</sup> a group consisting of diisocyanate, a  
25 polyisocyanate prepolymer, block isocyanate, an organic  
peroxide, polyamine, <sup>oximes</sup> oxims, a nitroso compound, sulfur,  
a sulfur compound, selenic <sup>acid</sup> a magnesium oxide, a lead

oxide and a zinc oxide. The organic peroxide is exemplified by dicumyl - peroxide, 2, 5 - dimethyl - 2, 5 - di - (t - butyl ~~peroxy~~) hexane, 1, 3 - bis - (t - butyl ~~peroxy~~ isopropyl) benzene, 1, 1 - bis - (t-butyl ~~peroxy~~) - 3, 3, 5 - trimethyl ~~cyclohexane~~, n-butyl - 4, 4 - bis - (t-butylperoxy) valelate, 2, 2 - bis - (t-butyl ~~peroxide~~) butane, t-butyl ~~peroxy~~ benzene, and vinyl - tris - (t-butyl ~~peroxy~~) silane. As an accelerating agent, a guanidine, aldehyde - amine, ~~aldehyde~~ <sup>aldehyde</sup> - ammonia, ~~thiazol~~ <sup>thiazole</sup>, sulfonamide, thiourea, thiuram, dithiocarbamate, ~~xanthate accelerating agent~~ is used.

Another coating method using the binder polymer is exemplified by a method in which a mixture of the large ring compound and the binder polymer is applied, and then radial rays, electron rays or ultraviolet rays are applied to cause the applied material to be crosslinked.

As a method for covering the negative pole activating material pole by the electrolytic polymerization, a monomer, such as dibenzocrown ether, is mixed in the electrolytic solution, and then the electrolytic polymerization is performed while using the negative pole activating material or the conductive matrix as an anode. The solvent of the electrolytic solution is exemplified by ~~acetonitrile~~ <sup>acetonitrile</sup> (CH<sub>3</sub>CN), ~~benzonitrile~~ <sup>benzonitrile</sup> (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CN), propylene carbonate (PC), dimethylformamide (DMF), tetrahydrofuran (THF),

- 1 nitrobenzene ( $C_6H_5NO_2$ ), dichloroethane, diethoxyethane, chlorobenzene,  $\gamma$  - butyrolactone and dioxolan<sup>e</sup> and their mixture<sup>s</sup>. It is preferable that the solvent be dehydrated with active alumina, molecular ~~sieve~~<sup>sieve</sup>,  
5 phosphorus pentaoxide or calcium chloride. As an alternative to this, it is preferable, depending upon the type of the<sup>e</sup> solvent, that the solvent be distilled under~~ed~~ in the presence of alkaline metal in inactive gas to remove impurities and to be dehydrated. The supporting  
10 electrolyte is an acid, such as  $H_2SO_4$ ,  $HCl$  or  $HNO_3$  or salt composed of monovalent metal ion ( $Li^+$ ,  $K^+$ ,  $Na^+$ ,  $Rb^+$  or  $Ag^+$ ) or tetraammonia ion (tetrabutyl ammonia ion ( $TBA^+$ ) and tetraethyl ammonia ion ( $TEA^+$ )) and Lewis acid ion ( $BF_4^-$ ,  $PF_6^-$ ,  $AsF_6^-$  or  $ClO_4^-$ ). It is preferable that  
15 the foregoing salt is refined by re-crystallization or ~~it is~~ heated under lowered pressure to sufficiently dehydrate and deoxidize the salt.

- As the monomer, crown ether/benzo - 15 - crown - 5, crown ether/benzo - 18 - crown - 6, crown ether/N -  
20 phenylaza - 15 - crown - 5, crown ether/dibenzo - 18 - crown - 6, crown ether/dibenzopyridino - 18 - crown - 6, crown ether/dibenzo - 24 - crown - 8, 1, 13 - bis (8 - quinolyl) - 1, 4, 7, 10, 13 - ~~penta~~<sup>penta oxo</sup>tridecan<sup>tridecane</sup>, 5, 6 - benzo - 4, 7, 13, 16, 21, 24 - hexaoxa - 1, 10 -  
25 diazabicyclo [8. 8. 8] - ~~hexa~~<sup>hexa</sup>cosan<sup>cosane</sup>, 5, 6 - 14, 15 - dibenzo - 4, 7, 13, 16, 21, 24 - hexaoxa - 1, 10 - diazabicyclo [8. 8. 8] - ~~hexa~~<sup>hexa</sup>cosan<sup>cosane</sup>, bis [(benzo - 15 -

- 1 crown - 5 -) - 15 - <sup>ylmethyle</sup>ilmethyl] pimelate, crown  
ether/dibenzo - 30 - crown - 10, N, N' - dibenzyl - 1,  
4, 10, 13 - tetraoxa - 7, 16 - <sup>diazocyclooctadecane</sup>diazacyclooctadecan,  
dilithiumpthalocyanin<sup>e</sup>, 4' - nitrobenzo - 15 - crown -  
5 5, 3, 6, 9, 14 - tetrathiabicyclo [9. 2. 1] tetradeca -  
11, 13 - diene and their mixtures

Since the performance of the battery deteriorates  
if the polymer film for covering the surface of the  
negative pole activating material is dissolved in the  
10 electrolytic solution, it is preferable to be  
crosslinked.

- It is preferable that the thickness of the film  
to be formed on the surface of lithium ranges from 50 Å  
to 100 <sup>μm</sup> further preferably ranges from 100 Å to 10 μ.  
15 The optimum thickness of the film differs depending upon  
the density or the <sup>porosity</sup>~~void ratio~~ of the film and  
considerably differs depending upon the type of the  
electrolytic solution. The thickness of the film can  
be adjusted by changing the concentration of the main  
20 material in the coating liquid for forming the film.
6. Polymer (polyphosphazene) Film in Which Phosphor  
Atoms and Nitrogen Atoms are Alternately Bonded in a  
Phosphor-Nitrogen Double Bond Manner

- The surface of the negative pole activating  
25 material is covered with a polymer (polyphosphazene)  
film through which ions for use in the reactions in the  
battery can be passed and in which phosphor atoms and

1 nitrogen atoms are alternately phosphor-nitrogen double  
bonded. As a result, lithium and the electrolytic  
solution do not come in contact with each other if the  
negative pole activating material is lithium.  
5 Therefore, formation of the polymer film from the  
solvent of the electrolytic solution on the surface of  
lithium can be prevented. If the negative pole  
activating material is zinc, elution of zinc into the  
electrolytic solution can be prevented. As a result,  
10 formation of dendrites can be prevented, and therefore  
the life against <sup>the</sup> charge and discharge cycle can be  
lengthened.

Since the lithium battery according to the  
present invention comprises <sup>a flame retardant</sup> ~~the~~ polyphosphazene film  
15 covering lithium ~~is a flame retardant film,~~ safety  
against emergency breakage can be improved.

The polymer for use as the covering material  
can be obtained by heating a dichloropolyphosphazene  
trimer to 200 to 300°C and by ring-opening  
20 polymerization. The dichloropolyphosphazene trimer can  
be synthesized from phosphorus pentachloride and ammonia  
chloride or ammonia. Any one of the following <sup>catalysts</sup> ~~catalyzer~~  
is used at the time of the polymerization: benzoic  
acid, sodium benzonate, 2, 6 - di - p - cresol, water,  
25 methanol, ethanol, nitromethane, ether, heteropoly acid,  
sulfur, zinc, tin and sodium. Further, various types of  
polyorganophosphazene can be obtained by substituting

1 chloride atoms of polydichlorophosphazene by an organic reagent or an organic metal reagent.

If the surface of lithium is coated with the foregoing polymer solution, it is preferable that the polymer solution <sup>be</sup> dehydrated and deoxidized sufficiently  
5 and <sup>sufficiently dehydrated</sup> be used in ~~inactive gas dehydrated sufficiently~~  
(however, the necessity of strictly controlling water can be eliminated when the polymer is previously applied to the conductive matrix or when the negative pole  
10 activating material is zinc).

It is preferable to use a solvent in the foregoing solution which has been dehydrated with active alumina, molecular <sup>sieve</sup> ~~sheave~~, phosphorus pentaoxide <sup>or</sup> calcium chloride. As an alternative to this, it is preferable,  
15 depending upon the type of the solvent, that the solvent be distilled <sup>in the</sup> ~~under~~ presence of alkaline metal in inactive gas to remove impurities and to be dehydrated (however, the necessity of strictly controlling water can be eliminated when the polymer is previously applied  
20 to the conductive matrix or when the negative pole activating material is zinc).

An electrolyte may previously be mixed when the foregoing film is formed. ~~It leads to a fact that~~  
Wettability between the electrolytic solution and the film can be improved <sup>in this way</sup>, causing ions to easily pass  
25 through the film. In order to facilitate the <sup>transfer</sup> ~~movement~~ of the charge at the time of charging, conductive



1 powder, such as carbon or titanium, fiber or whisker  
may be mixed at the time of forming the film.

Since the performance of the battery deteriorates  
if the polymer coating film is dissolved in an organic  
5 solvent of the electrolyte, it is preferable to be  
crosslinked in such a manner, for example, ultraviolet  
rays, electron rays or radial rays are applied or a  
crosslinking material, such as a radical generating  
agent, is used.

10 It is preferable that the thickness of the film  
to be formed on the surface of the negative pole  
activating material ranges from 50 Å to 100 μ<sup>and more</sup>  
preferably ranges from 100 Å to 10 μ.

The optimum thickness of the film differs  
15 depending upon the density or the <sup>porosity</sup>~~void ratio~~ of the  
film and considerably differs depending upon the type  
of the electrolytic solution. The thickness of the film  
can be adjusted by changing the concentration of the  
main material in the coating liquid for forming the  
20 film.

#### 7. Other Organic Polymer Film

The surface of the negative pole is covered with  
an organic polymer containing one or more types of  
elements selected from a group consisting of oxygen,  
25 nitrogen and sulfur and permitting ions relating the  
battery reactions to pass through. The direct contact  
of fresh negative active materials precipitated during

1 the charging reactions can be prevented due to the  
foregoing cover film. Therefore, the negative pole is  
not covered with a substance prepared due to the  
reactions with the electrolytic solution and having low  
5 conductivity. As a result, the growth of dendrites can  
be prevented.

The organic polymer containing oxygen is  
exemplified by cellulose, alkyl cellulose,  
nitrocellulose, acetyl cellulose, chitin, chitosan,  
10 polyethylene glycol, polyethylene oxide, polypropylene  
oxide, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinyl acetate,  
polylactide, polylactone, poly - 3 - hydroxyalcanoate,  
polyglycol acid, polyacetic acid, <sup>polydioxanone</sup> polydioxanone, glycol  
acid - lactone copolymer, polyethylene terephthalate,  
15 polyphenylene oxide, polyether etherketone and the like.  
It is preferable to use acetyl cellulose, chitin or  
polyvinyl alcohol.

The organic polymer containing nitrogen is  
exemplified by collagen, chitin, chitosan, polyurethane,  
20 polyimide, polyether imide and the like.

The organic polymer containing sulfur is  
exemplified by polyphenylene sulfide, <sup>polysulfone</sup> polysulfone and  
polyether <sup>sulfone</sup> sulfone.

The negative pole is covered with the foregoing  
25 organic polymer film formed in such a manner that the  
solution of the organic polymer is applied and dried and  
then ~~a~~ crosslinking reactions are <sup>performed</sup> caused to occur.

1 Another method of forming the film may be employed in  
such a manner that the organic polymer is used as a  
target in a sputtering method. Another method may be  
employed in which a monomer serving as the organic  
5 polymer is plasma-polymerized to form the film.

The application may be completed by dipping,  
spraying or screen printing.

The crosslinking reactions can be performed by  
any one of the following methods: irradiation of  
10 ultraviolet rays, electron rays or radial rays; or  
decomposition of a radical generating material such as  
azobis<sup>isobutyronitrile</sup> or peroxy benzoyl. The reason why  
the organic polymer of the film is crosslinked is that  
elution of the film into the electrolytic solution must  
15 be prevented.

The thickness of the film must range so far as  
ions in the electrolytic solution relating to the  
battery reactions are able to pass through the same.  
It differs depending upon the material and the void <sup>porosity</sup>  
20 ~~ratio~~ of the film and the type of the ion. It is  
preferable that the mean thickness ranges from 10 Å  
to 100 <sup>μm</sup> and more preferably, <sup>from</sup> 100 Å to 10 μ. If the ion  
permeability through the film is unsatisfactory, an  
electrolyte may be mixed at the time of forming the  
25 film.

If the electrolytic solution of the battery is  
a water soluble solution and it is not hydrophilic, it

1 is preferable to perform a treatment using a silane  
coupling material or a titanate coupling material to  
attain hydrophilic characteristics.

Although the various covering materials and  
5 coating methods have been described <sup>with respect to directly covering</sup> while employing the  
negative pole activating material ~~is directly covered~~  
with the film, another method may be employed in which  
the conductive matrix is ~~previously~~ covered with the  
coating material and then the negative pole activating  
10 material is introduced.

#### Negative Pole Activating Material

As the negative pole activating material 101,  
lithium, lithium alloy, zinc or zinc alloy is used. The  
lithium alloy may contain one or more types of elements  
15 selected from <sup>the</sup> a group consisting of magnesium, aluminum,  
titanium, tin, indium, boron, gallium, potassium,  
sodium, calcium, zinc, <sup>and</sup> lead and the like. The zinc  
alloy may containing one or more types of elements  
selected from a group consisting of aluminum, indium,  
20 magnesium, tin, titanium, copper, lead, tin, lithium, <sup>and</sup>  
mercury and the like.

The negative pole activating material for the  
alkali-zinc battery may be zinc, zinc alloy, zinc oxide  
or zinc hydroxide, the negative pole activating material  
25 being uniformly kneaded with a bonding material or a  
kneading solution to obtain paste. The paste is applied  
to a collector followed by drying, <sup>then</sup> so that a negative

1 plate is obtained.

The <sup>binding</sup> ~~bonding~~ material is exemplified by polyvinyl alcohol, a cellulose material such as methyl cellulose or carboxymethyl cellulose, a polyolefin material such  
5 as polyethylene, a fluororesin such as polytetrafluoroethylene and a polyamide resin such as nylon.

The kneading solution may be an organic solvent such as ethylene glycol or water containing oxo acid  
10 salt such as sodium phosphate or the like.

The collector may be an iron plate applied with nickel plating and having apertures, a foam metal, <sup>or</sup> ~~or~~ nickel mesh or the like.

#### Positive Pole

15 The positive pole is formed by mixing a positive pole activating material, conductive powder and a <sup>binding</sup> ~~bonding~~ material on the collector. In order to easily form the positive pole activating material, a solvent-resisting resin, such as polypropylene or polyethylene  
20 or fluororesin is used as the <sup>binding</sup> ~~bonding~~ material if necessary. In order to further easily collect electric currents, the conductive powder is mixed at the time of ~~the~~ <sup>g</sup> formation. The material of the conductive powder is exemplified by ~~various~~ <sup>g</sup> carbon, copper, nickel, ~~and~~ <sup>e</sup>  
25 titanium and the like.

#### Positive Pole for Lithium Secondary Battery

The positive pole activating material 104 of the

1 lithium secondary battery is made of a compound having  
layers through which lithium ions can be passed, the  
compound being a transition metal such as a metal oxide  
exemplified by manganese oxide, vanadium oxide,  
5 molybdenum oxide, chrome oxide, cobalt oxide, nickel  
oxide, titanium oxide, iron oxide, and tungsten oxide  
or a metal sulfide exemplified by titanium sulfide,  
molybdenum sulfide, iron sulfide and shebrell phase  
sulfide ( $\text{MyMo}_6\text{S}_{8-z}$  (M: metal such as copper, cobalt or  
10 nickel)). The transition metal element may be an  
element having partially shell d or shell f. The  
metal selenide is exemplified by niobium selenide.  
The metal hydroxide is exemplified by oxyhydroxide. The  
conductive polymer is exemplified by polyacetylene,  
15 polyparaphenylene, polyaniline, polythiophene, ~~polypyrole~~<sup>poly pyrrole</sup>  
and polytriphenylamine. The composite oxide is  
exemplified by  $\text{LiMn}_{2-x}\text{M}_x\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{LiCo}_x\text{Ni}_{1-x}\text{O}_2$ .

The positive pole is manufactured in such a  
manner that paste obtained by adding a ~~bonding~~<sup>binding</sup> material,  
20 such as polyethylene, polypropylene or a fluororesin, to  
the positive pole activating material 104 is pressed  
against the positive pole collector 103. In order to  
improve the collecting performance of the positive pole,  
it is preferable to add conductive powder to the paste.

25 The conductive powder may be a carbon material  
such as acetylene black or metal such as copper, nickel  
or titanium. The collector 103 may be fiber-like, porous

1 or mesh-shape carbon material, stainless steel,  
titanium, nickel, copper, platinum or gold.

#### Positive Pole for Nickel-Zinc Battery

The positive pole of the nickel-zinc battery is *either*  
5 ~~categorized to~~ a paste type pole formed by directly  
charging nickel hydroxide powder into the collector *and or*  
a sintering type formed by immersing nickel hydroxide  
into *a* small apertures of the nickel sintered plate.

The paste type positive pole is formed in such a  
10 manner that paste obtained by uniformly kneading an  
additive, such as nickel or cobalt, with a ~~bonding~~ *binding*  
material or a kneading solution *is* applied to the  
collector followed by drying them.

The ~~bonding~~ *binding* material and the collector are made  
15 of materials of the same type as those of the zinc  
negative pole.

The sintered type positive pole is manufactured  
in such a manner that a sintered plate, obtained by  
sintering nickel powder on the nickel-plated iron plate  
20 having apertures, is immersed in a mixed solution of  
nickel salt serving as a main active material and  
cobalt salt serving as an additive and then ~~caused to~~  
*react* with an alkali solution of, for example, sodium  
hydride so that nickel hydroxide is impregnated into  
25 the sintered plate.

#### Positive Pole for Air-Zinc Secondary Battery

The positive pole of the air-zinc secondary

1 battery is made of a material composed of an air pole,  
a water-repellent film and a diffuser paper sheet.

The ~~catalyzer~~<sup>catalyst</sup> of the air pole is prepared in such  
a manner that silver, manganese dioxide, nickel-cobalt  
5 composite oxide or platinum is added to a carbon  
material, such as porous carbon (active carbon) or  
carbon black, porous nickel, copper oxide or the like  
having a specific area of 200 to 1000 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

The water-repellent film is provided to prevent  
10 leakage of the electrolytic solution passed through the  
air pole to the outside of the battery. The water-  
repellent film is made of a fluororesin such as  
polytetrafluoroethylene. The diffuser paper sheet is  
provided for the purpose of uniformly supplying oxygen  
15 to the overall surface of the air pole, the diffuser  
paper sheet being made of cellophane or the like.

A zinc-bromine battery comprising the negative  
pole activating material which is zinc includes bromine  
to serve as the positive pole activating material.

## 20 Coating of Positive Pole

In order to prevent generation of dendrites, which  
causing ~~the~~<sup>ing</sup> short circuit<sup>ing</sup> at the time of ~~the~~<sup>ing</sup> charge, the  
surface of the positive pole is covered with a film  
through which ions for use in the reactions in the  
25 battery can be passed, so that the life of the battery  
against the cyclic usage can be lengthened.

The coating material may be a polymer of the



1 derivative of a large ring compound, a polymer of the  
derivative of an aromatic hydrocarbon, fluororesin,  
silicon resin, titanium resin, polyolefin, inorganic  
oxide, nitride, carbide or halide. It is effective to  
5 improve the safety of the lithium secondary battery to  
cover the positive pole with a flame retardant or non-  
combustible material, such as fluororesin,  
polyphosphazene, an inorganic oxide, nitride, carbide  
or halide.

10 If the film through which ions for use in the  
reactions in the battery can be passed is a multi-layer  
metal oxide film formed by using a bimolecular film as a  
mold, <sup>in effect</sup> ~~an effect~~, of a separator can be obtained and ~~an~~  
~~effect of preventing the short circuit~~ <sup>ing can be prevented</sup> between the  
15 negative pole and the positive pole ~~can further be~~  
~~improved.~~

#### Electrolyte

The electrolyte is used as it is or in the form  
of a solution in which it is dissolved in a solvent or  
20 after it has been solidified by adding a gelatinizing  
material, such as a polymer, to the solution. Generally  
an electrolytic solution <sup>N</sup>, in which the electrolyte is  
dissolved in a solvent, is held in a porous separator.

tr.  
25 The conductance of the electrolyte must be raised  
as much as possible because it relates to the internal  
resistance of the battery and considerably affects the  
current density at the time of the charge and the

1 discharge. It is preferable that the conductance at  
25°C be  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  S/cm or higher, more preferably  $5 \times$   
 $10^{-3}$  S/cm or higher. x

2 In a Case Where Negative Pole Activating Material is  
5 Lithium or Lithium Alloy

The electrolyte is made of an acid, such as  
 $H_2SO_4$ , HCl or  $HNO_3$ , a salt composed of Lewis acid ion  
( $BF_4^-$ ,  $PF_6^-$ ,  $AsF_6^-$  or  $ClO_4^-$ ) or their mixture. Further,  
positive ions, such as sodium ions, potassium ions,  
10 tetraalkylammonium ions, and the Lewis acid ions may be  
- used together. It is preferable that the foregoing salt  
is heated under lowered pressure to sufficiently  
dehydrate and deoxidize the salt.

The solvent of the electrolyte is exemplified by  
acetone n/e 15 acetonitrile ( $CH_3CN$ ), benzonitrile ( $C_6H_5CN$ ), propylene t/e  
carbonate (PC), ethylene carbonate (EC), dimethyl  
formamide (DMF), tetrahydrofuran (THF), nitrobenzene  
( $C_6H_5NO_2$ ), dichloroethane, diethoxyethane, chlorobenzene,  
n/e  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone, dioxolan, sulfolan, nitromethane,  
20 dimethylsulfide, dimethylsulfoxide, dimethoxyethane, f  
methyl formate, 3-methyl-2-oxazolidinone, 2-  
methyltetrahydrofuran, sulfur dioxide, phosphoryl  
chloride, thionyl chloride, sulfonyl chloride, dimethyl  
l/yr formate r  
aldehyde,  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone, and tetrahydrofuran and  
their mixture. 25

It is preferable that the foregoing solvent be  
dehydrated with active alumina, molecular sieve, sieve

1 phosphorus pentaoxide or calcium chloride. As an  
alternative to this, it is preferable depending upon the  
type of the solvent that the solvent be distilled under  
presence of alkaline metal in inactive gas to remove  
5 impurities and to be dehydrated.

It is preferable to gel the electrolytic solution  
to prevent leakage of the electrolytic solution. As the  
gelling material, it is preferable to use a polymer of a  
type which swells when it absorbs the solvent of the  
10 electrolytic solution, the gelling material being a  
polymer exemplified by a polyethylene oxide, polyvinyl  
alcohol and ~~an~~ polyacryl amide..

*the*  
[In a Case Where the Negative Pole Activating Material  
is Zinc or Zinc Alloy]

15 As the electrolytic solution, salt of alkali or  
zinc borate is used which is a sole or a mixed solution  
of potassium hydroxide, sodium hydroxide, lithium  
hydroxide or ammonium hydroxide.

It is preferable to gel the electrolytic solution  
20 to prevent leakage of the electrolytic solution. As the  
gelling material, it is preferable to use a polymer of a  
type which swells when it absorbs the solvent of the  
electrolytic solution, the gelling material being a  
polymer exemplified by a polyethylene oxide, polyvinyl  
25 alcohol and ~~an~~ polyacryl amide.

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In a case of a battery such as a bromine - zinc  
battery except for the alkali battery, a salt such as

1 zinc borate is used.

The solid electrolyte is manufactured in such a manner that a polymer compound of a polyethylene oxide (PEO) type and salt of the electrolyte are dissolved in  
5 the foregoing non-water-soluble solvent to be gelled and then they are developed on, for example, a flat board to evaporate the non-water-soluble solvent. The PEO polymer compound is exemplified by polyethylene oxide or a poly (methoxyethoxyphosphazene) crosslinked by  
10 polyethylene oxide or isocyanate.

The electrolytic solution for the alkali-zinc secondary battery may be a solution of sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide or lithium hydroxide or their mixture.

15 Separator

The separators (108, 208 and 308) are provided to prevent short circuits between the positive pole and the negative pole. They also act to hold the electrolytic solution.

20 The separator must meet the following conditions. (C) (D)

(1) The separator cannot be dissolved in the electrolytic solution and must be stable with respect to the same.

(2) The separator is able to absorb a large  
25 quantity of the electrolytic solution and must exhibit satisfactory holding force.

(3) The separator must have small apertures

1 through which lithium ions and hydroxide ions can be  
passed.

(4) The separator must have small apertures each  
having a size which is able to prevent the penetration  
5 of dendrite.

(5) The separator must be mechanically strong so  
as not to be broken or deformed excessively when it is  
wound.

The material that is able to meet the foregoing  
10 conditions is exemplified by a unwoven fabric or a  
micropore structure of glass, polypropylene,  
polyethylene, or fluororesin.

Also a metal oxide film having small apertures or  
a resin film formed by combining metal oxides may be  
15 used. If a metal oxide film in the form of a multi-  
layer structure is used, dendrite cannot easily pass  
through it and therefore an effect of preventing the  
short circuits can be obtained. If a fluororesin film  
which is a flame retardant or a glass or a metal oxide  
20 film which is a noncombustible material is used, the  
safety can further be improved.

Since the electrolytic solution of the alkali-  
zinc secondary battery is a water-type solvent, a  
hydrophilic separator must be used which is exemplified  
25 by a non-woven fabric or a micropore structure of nylon,  
polypropylene or hydrophilic polypropylene.

1 Collector

Collectors 100, 103, 200 and 300 are made of fiber, porous or mesh-like carbon, stainless steel, titanium, nickel, copper, platinum or gold.

5 Shape and Structure of Battery

The battery is formed into a flat, cylindrical, square (rectangular) or a sheet shape battery. The spiral and cylindrical structure is enabled to have a large electrode area by winding while interposing the separator between the negative pole and the positive pole so that a large electric current can be caused to flow at the time of the charge and the discharge. The rectangular type battery enables an accommodation space for accommodating the secondary battery to be used effectively. The structure may be a single-layer structure and a multi-layer structure.

Figs. 2 and 3 illustrate the schematic cross-sectional views which respectively illustrate an example of a single-layer flat battery and a spiral and cylindrical battery. Referring to Figs. 2 and 3, reference numeral 201 and 301 represent negative poles covered with films, and 200 and 300 represent collectors for the negative poles 201 and 301. Reference numeral 203 and 303 represent positive pole made of the positive pole activating material. Reference numeral 304 represents a collector for the positive pole, and 206 and 306 represent negative terminals (caps for the

1 negative poles 201 and 301). Reference numeral 207 and  
307 represent outer cases (cases serving as positive  
pole cases and battery cases), 208 and 308 represent  
separators which hold the electrolytic solution, 210 and  
5 310 represent insulating packings, and 311 represents an  
insulating plate.

Referring to Fig. 5, reference numeral ~~5201~~ and  
2 ~~5301~~ represent <sup>9</sup>lithium members/ subjected to surface  
treatment. In the structure shown in Fig. 5, reference  
10 numeral 201 and 310 represent lithium members subjected  
to surface treatment.

The batteries shown in Figs. 2 and 3 are  
manufactured in such a manner that the separators 208  
and 308 are held between the negative poles 201, 301  
15 subjected to the surface treatment and the positive  
poles 203 and 303 to be placed in the positive pole  
cases 207 and 307 followed by injecting the electrolytic  
solution. Then, the negative pole caps 206, 306, the  
insulating packing, 210 and 310 are assembled so that the  
20 batteries are manufactured.

In the case of the lithium battery, it is  
preferable that the preparation of the material and  
assembling of the battery are performed in dry air from  
which water has sufficiently been removed or in a dry  
25 inactive gas.

#### Battery Case (Outer Case)

The battery case may be a metal outer case also

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- 1 serving as an output terminal or a plastic resin case.

The positive pole cases 207, 307, the negative pole caps 206 and 306 are made of stainless steel, and in particular, titanium clad stainless steel or copper clad stainless steel or a steel plate applied with nickel-plating.

Although the structures shown in Figs. 2 and 3 comprises the positive pole cases 207 and 307, <sup>then</sup> also ~~represent~~ serving as the battery cases and the output terminals.

- 10 The battery case may be made of metal such as aluminum or zinc, plastic such as polypropylene or a composite material of metal, glass fiber and plastic as well as the stainless steel.

#### Insulating Packing

- 15 The insulating packings 210 and 310 may be made of fluoro-resin, polyamide resin, polysulfon resin or rubber.

#### Cap

- 20 The capping method may be a bonding method, welding method, soldering method or a glass sealing method as well as a caulking method using a gasket such as an insulating packing.

#### Insulating Plate

- 25 The insulating plate 311 for insulating the inside of the battery may be made of an organic resin or ceramics.



1    Safety Valve

          A safety valve (not shown in Figs. 2 and 3)  
using rubber, a spring or a metal ball may be used to  
serve as a safety means to act if the internal pressure  
5    in the battery has been raised.

          The basic structure of another embodiment of the  
lithium secondary battery according to the present  
invention comprises a side opposing at least the  
positive pole, the side being composed of a lithium  
10    negative pole subjected to treatment using a reactive  
gas containing nitrogen or halogen, a separator, a  
positive pole activating material, electrolyte and a  
collector. Fig. 5 is a basic structural view which  
illustrates the lithium secondary battery according to  
15    the present invention. Referring to Fig. 5, reference  
numeral 100 represents a collector for a negative pole,  
101 represents a negative pole activating material  
(lithium or lithium alloy), 102 represents a surface  
treatment layer for the lithium portion, 103 represents  
20    a collector for the positive pole, 104 represents a  
positive pole activating material, 105 represents an  
electrolytic solution, 106 represents a negative  
terminal, 107 represents a positive terminal, 108  
represents a separator, and 109 represents a battery  
25    case. In the discharge reactions, lithium ions in the  
electrolytic solution 105 are introduced into the  
interlayer of the positive pole activating material 104.

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1 Simultaneously, lithium ions are eluted from the lithium  
negative pole 101 into the electrolytic solution 105 by  
way of a treatment-applied surface 5102. In the  
charging reactions, lithium ions in the electrolytic  
5 solution 105 ~~are, lithium metal ions~~ are precipitated to  
the lithium negative pole 101 by way of the treatment-  
applied surface 5102. Simultaneously, lithium in the  
interlayer of the positive pole activating material 104  
is eluted into the electrolytic solution 105.

10 Surface Treatment for Lithium Negative Pole

The nitrogen compound for treating the surface of  
lithium or the lithium alloy is exemplified by nitrogen,  
ammonia and nitrogen trifluoride. If nitrogen is used  
as the nitride, it must be activated as to be formed  
15 into a plasma form by DC or high frequency discharge or  
by laser beam application. Also other nitrides are  
enabled to have improved reactivity when formed into  
plasma.

The halogen compound is exemplified by fluorine,  
20 chlorine, bromine, iodine, hydrogen fluoride, hydrogen  
chloride, hydrogen bromide, chlorine trifluoride,  
methane tetrafluoride, methane tetrachloride,  
methane trifluoride, methane fluoride  
trichloride, sulfur hexafluoride and boron trichloride.  
25 The inactive gas such as carbon halide must be formed  
into plasma as to have improved reactivity. It is  
preferable that the very active gas such as fluorine,

1 chlorine, hydrogen fluoride, hydrogen chloride or  
chloride trifluoride be diluted with inactive gas such  
as argon gas or helium gas.

The nitrogen compound and the halogen compound may  
5 be mixed with each other or contain oxygen gas, hydrogen  
gas, argon gas, helium gas, xenon gas or the like added  
thereto to improve the activity of the reactive gas or  
to control the activity. The negative pole may be  
treated with plasma of hydrogen gas or argon gas prior  
10 to treating the surface of the negative pole so that a  
fresh negative pole surface is caused to appear.

More specifically, according to the present  
invention, there is provide a secondary battery  
manufactured in such a manner that active nitrogen  
15 plasma or fluorine plasma or hydrogen fluoride is  
brought into contact with the surface of lithium to  
cause reactions to take place, an inactive thin film  
made of lithium nitride or lithium fluoride and allowing  
lithium ions to pass through is formed on the surface of  
20 lithium, and the lithium portion is used as the negative  
pole. As a result, the direct contact of lithium  
precipitated at the time of the charge with the  
electrolytic solution is prevented so that the  
generation of dendrite, at the time of the charge is  
25 prevented. Therefore, a lithium battery exhibiting a  
long life against the charge and discharge cycle can be  
obtained. Further, the application of the foregoing

1 treatment to the surface of lithium prevents the  
reactions between lithium and water. Further, handling  
can be made easier.

It is preferable that the thickness of the  
5 treatment layer to be formed on the surface of lithium  
ranges from  $10 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1 \mu$ , more preferably  $50 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1000 \text{ \AA}$ .  
The thickness is adjusted by the reaction time or the  
concentration of the reaction gas.

It is preferable that the concentration of nitrogen  
10 atoms or halogen atoms in the treatment layer formed on  
the surface of lithium be gradually lowered from the  
surface to the inside portion of lithium.

#### Positive Pole Activating Material

The positive pole activating material 5104 may be  
15 a material into which lithium can be introduced into the  
interlayer thereof, the material being exemplified by a  
metal oxide such as a nickel oxide, cobalt oxide,  
titanium oxide, iron oxide, vanadium oxide, manganese  
oxide, molybdenum oxide, chrome oxide or tungsten oxide,  
20 or a metal sulfide such as molybdenum sulfide, iron  
sulfide or titanium sulfide, a hydroxide such as oxy  
iron hydroxide, or a conductive polymer such as  
polyacetylene, polyaniline, polypyrrol or polythiophene.

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In order to make easier the formation of the  
25 positive pole activating material, solvent-resisting  
resin, such as polypropylene, polyethylene or  
fluororesin is used as a bonding material if necessary.

1 In order to further facilitate collection of electric  
current, it is preferable to mix conductive powder at  
the time of molding the positive active material. The  
conductive powder may be carbon black, copper, nickel or  
5 titanium.

Fig. 8 illustrates an example of a pattern of  
stacked layers according to the present invention in  
which a conductive layer, a semiconductor layer and an  
insulating layer are formed between the negative pole  
10 and the separator. Referring to Fig. 8, reference  
numeral 001 represents a negative pole, 002 represents a  
dendrite, 003 represents the conductive layer or the  
semiconductor layer, 004 represents a separator, 005  
represents an insulating layer, 006 represents an  
15 electrolytic solution, and 007 represents a positive  
pole.

Fig. 8 is a schematic view which illustrates an  
effect of the present invention in an example in which  
the insulating layer through which lithium ions can be  
20 passed and a conductive layer are stacked on the surface  
of the lithium negative pole.

When the charging mode, lithium (or zinc) is  
precipitated on to the negative pole 001. At this time,  
a portion in which the current density is high is  
25 locally generated on the negative pole 001 depending  
upon the projections and pits of the surface and upon  
the thickness of the insulating film. Lithium (or zinc)

1 is selectively precipitated, causing the dendrite 002 to  
grow. With proceeding of the charging or discharging  
cycle, the dendrite 002 reach the conductive layer 003.  
When a short circuit state between the dendrite 002  
5 and the conductive layer 003 is realized, the current  
density at the negative pole is lowered at the time of  
the charge. Therefore, the further growth of the  
dendrite 002 is prevented, and therefore penetration of  
the dendrite 002 through the separator 004 to reach the  
10 positive pole 007 can be prevented.

By covering the negative pole with the ion  
permeable insulating layer 005, active lithium (or zinc)  
precipitated at the time of the charge cannot easily  
react with the electrolytic solution. Therefore, the  
15 generation of the growth of the insulating film can be  
prevented.

Figs. 9A to 9H illustrate various examples in  
which one or more types of layers selected from the ion  
permeable conductor, semiconductor and insulating  
20 material are formed between the negative pole and the  
separator. Reference numerals shown in Figs. 9A to 9H are  
the same as those shown in Fig. 8. The present invention  
is not limited to the structure shown in Figs. 9A to 9H.

It is preferable that the conductive layer to be  
25 formed between the negative pole and the separator be  
made of carbon, Ni, Ti, Pt, Al, Pb, Cr, Cu, V, Mo, W,  
Fe, Co, Zn or Mg, more preferably made of carbon, Ni

1 or Ti.

If the semiconductor layer is formed in place of the conductive layer, a similar effect obtainable from the conductive layer can be obtained. If the semiconductor layer is employed, the current density at the time of the growth of dendrite is higher than that in the case where the conductive layer is formed. However, the conductivity is lowered as compared with the case where the conductive layer is formed.

10 Therefore, an advantage can be realized that the easy conduction with the positive pole is prevented.

The semiconductor layer may be made of diamond, Si, nickel oxide, copper oxide, manganese oxide, titanium oxide, zinc oxide, zirconium oxide, tungsten oxide, molybdenum oxide or vanadium oxide.

The insulating layer may be made of a halide such as lithium fluoride or magnesium fluoride, a nitride such as silicon nitride, a carbon such as silicon carbide, or a polymer such as polyethylene, polypropylene or fluororesin.

The forming method and materials of the conductive layer, the semiconductor layer, the insulating layer and the composite layer will now be described. When lithium is used, the following two desires must be met.

25 If water is left in the raw material, water and lithium react with each other. Therefore, water must be previously removed by a method by dehydration using

conditions

- 1 active alumina, molecular sheave, phosphorus pentaoxide  
or calcium chloride. If a solvent is used, it is  
sometimes preferable that the solvent be distilled under *in the*  
presence of alkaline metal in inactive gas to remove  
5 impurities and to be dehydrated.

The temperature at which the foregoing layer is applied to the surface of the negative pole must be lower than a level at which the negative pole activating material is melted.

10 Conductive Layer

As a typical example of the conductive layer, manufacturing method of carbon conductive layer or a metal conductive layer made of, for example, Ni or Ti, will now be described.

15 Carbon

- The form of the carbon crystal is categorized to crystal, amorphous, and a mixture of them. The carbon to be applied may be carbon powder or carbon fiber or a carbon paper sheet or the like obtainable by paper  
20 machining.

The surface of the negative pole can be covered with carbon by any one of the following methods.

- (1) A solution obtained by uniformly dispersing carbon powder or carbon fiber in an organic solvent such  
25 as toluene or xylene is, under inactive atmosphere of Ar, is applied to the surface of the negative pole by a spraying method, screen printing method, a coater method



1 or a dipping method followed by drying the solution, and  
then carbon are pressed against the surface.

(2) The carbon paper is stacked on the surface of the  
negative pole, and then the carbon is pressed against  
5 the surface.

(3) A vacuum evaporation method such as sputtering  
using carbon as the target is performed so that the  
surface of the negative pole is covered with carbon.

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10 (4) A CVD (Chemical Vapor Deposition) method is  
performed under the presence of an organic compound  
which is the raw material of carbon so that the negative  
pole is covered with carbon. -

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15 In the foregoing coating method, the carbon powder  
or the carbon fiber must be pressed against the surface  
so that the contact is improved. The pressing work is  
performed by using a pressing machine or a roller press.  
The temperature at the time of the pressing work must be  
lower than a level at which the negative pole activating  
material is melted. It is preferable that the thickness  
20 of the coating range from 10 to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ , more preferably  
from 50  $\mu\text{m}$  or thinner in order to prevent reduction of  
the quantity of the contained negative pole activating  
material.

25 The pressing method to be performed after the  
carbon paper has been stacked may be a method using a  
pressing machine or a roller press, a method in which  
the positive pole plate and the negative pole plate are

1 wound while interposing the separator, and a method in  
which winding pressure or stacking pressure is applied  
while interposing the carbon paper at the time of  
stacking the carbon paper. The latter method is able to  
5 eliminate a process of previously pressing the carbon  
paper against the negative pole and the carbon paper can  
be pressed in the winding or the stacking process. It  
is preferable that the carbon paper having a thickness  
ranging from 150 to 300  $\mu\text{m}$  be pressed to have a  
10 thickness ranging from 75 to 150  $\mu\text{m}$ .

The sputtering coating method is performed in such  
a manner that carbon is used as the target in an  
inactive atmosphere of argon and DC or RF discharge is  
performed so that the surface of the negative pole is  
15 covered with carbon.

The raw material of the CVD carbon coating method  
may be saturated hydrocarbon such as methane,  
unsaturated hydrocarbon such as acetylene, ethylene,  
propylene or benzene, carbon monoxide, alcohol or  
20 acetone. The exciting method is exemplified by a method  
using plasma, laser or heating filament. It is  
preferable that the thickness of the carbon applied be 1  
 $\mu\text{m}$  or thinner, more preferably 1000  $\text{\AA}$ .

In the case of the plasma CVD method, the power  
25 source for the glow discharge may be a high frequency or  
a DC power source. The high frequency source may be a  
usual band source such as radio frequency (RF), VHF or

1 microwave source. The wavelength of the radio waves is  
typified by 13.56 MHz, while that of the microwave is  
typified by 2.45 GHz.

C 5 If the laser CVD is employed, an ultraviolet ArF  
excimer laser or infrared ray CO<sub>2</sub> is used as the laser  
beam source.

Metal Such as Ni or Ti

The metal such as Ni or Ti is applied to the  
surface of the negative pole by a sputtering method as  
10 is employed to apply carbon, a CVD method, an electron  
beam evaporation method or a cluster ion beam  
evaporation method.

The target for use in the sputtering method may be  
Ni or Ti or the like. When a composite film is formed,  
15 two or more kinds of targets are used; to perform either  
or both of the targets are subjected to the sputtering  
process. The sputtering method must be performed under  
an inactive atmosphere of argon similarly to carbon.

The CVD coating method employs the following  
20 materials as the raw materials.

As the raw material for Ni and Ti, a solution in  
which organic metal such as acetylacetone complex of  
nickel (or titanium) is dissolved in non-water-soluble  
solvent such as hexane, acetone or toluene or a solution  
25 in which a halide such as nickel chloride (or titanium)  
is dissolved in a non-water-soluble solvent such as  
ethanol is subjected to bubbling in a carrier gas

1 (hydrogen or the like) and then the solution is  
introduced into the CVD reaction chamber to cause the  
CVD reactions to take place so that coating is  
performed.

5 When a composite film of Ni and carbon is formed, a  
hydrocarbon such as methane is used together with a  
metal compound.

#### Semiconductor Layer

The semiconductor layer is exemplified by diamond,  
10 Si, nickel oxide, copper oxide, cobalt oxide, manganese  
oxide, titanium oxide, zinc oxide, zirconium oxide,  
tungsten oxide, molybdenum oxide, or vanadium oxide. The  
coating method may be a sputtering method, an electron  
beam evaporation method, a plasma CVD method, a light  
15 CVD method, a laser CVD method or a heat CVD method.

#### Si

As the target for use in the sputtering method, Si  
or the like is used.

In the CVD method, the raw material for Si may be  
20 hydroxide gas such as  $\text{SiH}_4$  or  $\text{Si}_2\text{H}_6$ , fluorine gas such as  
 $\text{SiHF}_3$ ,  $\text{SiH}_2\text{F}_2$  or  $\text{SiH}_3\text{F}$ , or a chlorine gas such as  $\text{SiHCl}_3$ ,  
 $\text{SiH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  or  $\text{SiHCl}_3$ . If the foregoing raw material is in  
the form of a liquid, it is heated as to be in the form of  
vapor or subjected to bubbling by a carrier gas before  
25 it is introduced. If a composite film of Si and carbon  
material is formed, a hydrocarbon such as methane is used  
together with the foregoing gas. A compound comprising

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1 carbon, P or B may be adequately mixed.

Oxide such as Nickel Oxide and Titanium Oxide

The nickel oxide and titanium oxide can be prepared by a sol-gel method in which alkoxide such as nickel or  
5 titanium or organic metal is dissolved in alcohol and then it is hydrolyzed, an anodic oxidation method in which a solution in which nickel salt or titanium salt is dissolved is electrolyzed, or a CVD method or an electron beam evaporation method to introduce oxygen gas  
10 into the reaction chamber.

Insulating Layer

As the insulating layer, a halide, a nitride, a carbide or resin such as polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP) or fluororesin is used. As the coating method, a  
15 sputtering method, a plasma CVD method or a coating method is used.

Other resins may be used such that a resin obtained by gasifying a monomer of an organic polymer and by plasma polymerizing it or a resin obtained by sputtering  
20 an organic polymer or a film of an organic polymer may be used. In this case, the resin member must have small aperture, through which ions can be passed and must not react with the electrolytic solution.

Nitride

25 In the sputtering method, a target comprising nitride exemplified by silicon nitride or lithium nitride is used. As an alternative to this, Si or Li is

1 used as the target, nitrogen gas or ammonia is used as  
the reaction gas and sputtering is performed in the  
foregoing state.

#### PE and PP

5 In the plasma CVD method,  $\text{SiH}_4$  or  $\text{Si}_2\text{H}_6$  and  
ammonia, nitrogen gas or  $\text{NF}_3$  are used together as the  
raw materials.

In the sputtering method, a PE or PP target is  
used to perform sputtering to cover the insulating  
10 layer.

In the plasma polymerization method, ethylene is  
used as the raw material in the case of PE, while  
propylene is used in the case of PP.

#### Fluororesin

15 In the sputtering method, the target comprises a  
polymer or a copolymer such as polytetrafluoroethylene,  
polytrifluoroethylene, vinyl fluoride, vinylidene  
fluoride or dichlorodifluoroethylene.

As the raw material gas for use in the plasma  
20 polymerization method, tetrafluoroethylene,  
trifluoroethylene, vinyl fluoride, vinylidene fluoride  
or dichlorofluoroethylene is used.

A fluororesin film having micropores can be used.

#### Composite Layer

25 The composite layer is selected from a group  
consisting of the foregoing conductor, semiconductor and  
insulating material. By using two or more types of raw

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1 materials, the composite layer is formed by a sputtering  
method ~~of~~ a CVD method. As an alternative to this, two  
or more types of powder selected from a group consisting  
of conductor powder, semiconductor powder and insulating  
5 material powder are melted in a melted or dissolved  
resin so that the film for use as the composite film is  
manufactured.

Another structure may be employed as a preferred  
structure in which the concentrations (content) of the  
10 conductor, semiconductor and the insulating material in  
the composite layer are change continuously or  
discontinuously in the direction of the thickness of the  
layer.

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The apertures in the layer can be formed in such a  
15 manner that: ☐ an electrolyte is mixed with the raw  
material at the time of applying the conductor,  
semiconductor and the insulating material by the  
sputtering method or the CVD method to add the  
electrolyte into the conductor, semiconductor and the  
20 insulating material. The foregoing electrolyte is  
eluted into the electrolytic solution of the battery so  
that ☐ micropore structures are formed in the conductor,  
semiconductor and the insulating material. Since  
lithium ions and hydroxide ions can easily be introduced  
25 and discharged in the micropores, the charging and  
discharging efficiencies can be improved. Since the  
pore has a small size, the growth of the dendrite can be

- 1 prevented, and therefore the life <sup>of</sup> ~~against~~ the charging  
and discharging cycle can be lengthened.

### Stacked Structure

- 5 The conductor, semiconductor and the insulating  
material layers may be formed into a single layer or a  
multi-layer composed of two or more layers.

- The stacking method comprises a step of stacking a  
film selected from the group consisting of the  
conductor, semiconductor and the insulating material  
10 between the negative pole and the separator. The film  
is stacked on the surface of the negative pole, or  
stacked between the negative pole and the separator in a  
non-contact manner or stacked on the surface of the  
separator. As an alternative to this, the negative pole  
15 or the separator or a substance through which ions can  
be passed may be used as the base on which the  
conductor, semiconductor and the insulating material are  
stacked by a sputtering method or a CVD method.

### Thickness

- 20 The optimum thickness of the single, multi-layer or  
the composite layer composed of the one or more types of  
layers selected from the group consisting of the  
conductor, semiconductor and the insulating material  
differs depending upon the void ratio, the aperture  
25 distribution, the material of the layers and the number  
of layers. If the material includes a large volume gaps  
as the polymer material, it is preferable the thickness

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1 be 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or thinner, more preferably 1  $\mu\text{m}$  or thinner.  
If a precise material such as the inorganic compound is  
used, it is preferable to make the thickness to be 1  $\mu\text{m}$   
or thinner, more preferably 1000  $\text{\AA}$  or thinner.

5 Multi-Layer Metal Oxide

The multi-layer metal oxide 10102 must contain one  
or more types of materials selected from a group  
consisting of alumina, titanium oxide, silica, selenium *en*  
oxide, zirconia oxide, magnesium oxide, chrome oxide,  
10 calcium oxide, tin oxide, indium oxide and germanium  
oxide.

The multi-layer metal oxide film is formed by  
molding a bimolecular film in a mold. By forming the  
metal oxide film by using the bimolecular film, a metal  
15 oxide film having small apertures and a large specific  
area and formed into a multi-layer film structure can be  
obtained.

Method of Preparing Multi-Layer Metal Oxide

The preparation is usually in such a manner that: *α*  
20 a sol in which very fine particles of the metal oxide  
is, in a ~~colloid~~ *colloid* manner, dispersed in a solvent, such as  
water, is added to a ~~supersonic~~ *with ultrasonication* dispersion solution of  
water or buffer solution of a film forming compound for  
forming a bimolecular film selected depending upon the  
25 type of the sol and upon the surface charge so that a  
uniformly-dispersed solution is prepared; then it is  
developed on a fluororesin film or a glass plate

1 followed by developing the solution; and a cast film is  
manufactured. If the uniformly-dispersed film cannot be  
obtained, then any one of the following methods is  
employed:

5 (1) A cast film is formed by adding a low-melting point  
organic solvent, such as alcohol, chloroform, acetone or  
tetrahydrofuran, is added to the film forming compound  
and dispersing the materials, and then water or a buffer  
10 solution is added to the solution from which the solvent  
has been gradually evaporated, and then the mixture is  
dispersed with ultrasonic waves.

(2) Water or a buffer solution is added to the cast  
film described in (1), and the material is heated to a  
level higher than the phase transition temperature of  
15 the film.

(3) The film forming compound is dissolved in an  
organic solvent, such as diethylether or ethylalcohol,  
and the solution is injected into water and a buffer  
solution.

20 As a method of obtaining the bimolecular film which  
serves as the mold of the film shape of the metal oxide,  
the mechanical strength can be improved by any one of  
the following methods:

(a) The film forming compound is impregnated into a  
25 porous polymer film to form the bimolecular solid film.

(b) A hydrophobic polymer or a hydrophilic polymer and  
the film forming compound are dissolved in a solvent,

1 and the solution is developed so that a cast film is  
obtained.

(c) A solution of a polymer electrolyte having a charge  
opposing that of the ionic film forming compound is  
5 mixed with a solution in which the ionic film forming  
compound is dispersed so that sedimentation of polyion  
complex is obtained, and then the polyion complex is  
dissolved in an organic solvent followed by developing  
it so that the cast film is obtained.

10 Alternatively, any one of the following methods  
may be employed: a chloric acid (surface active agent)  
method which is used at the time of preparing ribosome;  
a freezing-melting method; an inverse-phase evaporation  
method; and a macro-ribosome preparation method.

15 The film forming compound may be a compound having  
both hydrophobic group and a hydrophilic group  
(substance having amphipathic property) is used. The  
film forming compound may be an ammonia compound, an  
anion compound, a nonion compound and a polymerable  
20 compound depending upon the molecular structure. The  
hydrophobic group of the film forming compound is  
categorized ~~to~~ <sup>as</sup> a hydrocarbon, fluorine carbide,  
unsaturated hydrocarbon, and unsaturated fluorine  
carbide. A material containing a chromophore structure  
25 introduced thereto in order to improve the molecular  
orientation in the film forming compound may be used.

The film forming compound is exemplified by

- 1 p - octyloxyaniline hydrochloride,  
p - (octyloxy) - p' - hydroxyazobenzene,  
p - (10 - octyloxy) - p' - octyloxyazobenzene,  
dodecyl - N - [p - {p - (10 -  
5 bromodecyloxy)phenylazo}benzo<sup>11</sup>]L - alaninate, L -  
glutamic acid didodecylester hydrochloride,  
N - [11 - bromoundecanoyl] - L glutamic acid  
didodecylester, dimethyldihexadecylammonium bromide, N -  
[β - (trimethylammonio)etyloxybenzo<sup>11</sup>]didodecyl - L -  
10 glutamic acid bromide,  
dioctadecylmethyldimethylammonium bromide, N - [11 -  
hydroxyundecanoyl] - L - glutamic acid  
ditetradecylester, N - [11 - phospho<sup>11</sup>undecanoyl] - L -  
acid ditetradecylester, 1, 2 - bis  
15 (hexadecyloxy carbonyl) ethane - 1 - sulfonic acid  
sodium, N - [(2 - oxo - 1, 3, 2 - oxazaphosphoryl) - 11  
- oxadodecanoyl] - L - glutamic acid didodecylester, N -  
[(2 - trimethylammonio - ethylphosphonate)undecanoyl] -  
L - glutamic acid didodecylester, N - [(2 - ammonio -  
20 ethylphosphonate)undecanoyl] - L - glutamic acid  
didodecyl ester and 1, 3 - hexadecyl - 2 - polyethylene  
glycolylglyc<sup>11</sup>eline.

It is preferable that the surface of the multi-  
layer metal oxide film of a non-water-soluble battery of  
25 a type comprising the negative pole activating material  
which is lithium is subjected to lipophilic treatment  
using an organic metal compound such as a silane

- 1 coupling material or titanate coupling agent.

In order to lower the current density at the leading portion of the dendrite at the time of the charge and to prevent the growth of dendrite, the surface of the multi-layer metal oxide film on the negative pole side may be applied with a conductive material by evaporation or plating.

Very Fine Particle Sol of Metal Oxide

- The dispersed sol of very fine particles of the metal oxide is usually obtained by an acid, a base and water are added to an alcohol solution of an organic metal compound such as metal alkoxide as to be hydrolyzed to form colloid of the very fine particles of the metal oxide. The dispersion medium of the very fine particle sol is obtained by substituting ~~to~~ an organic solvent if necessary.

- The alkoxide is typified by tetramethoxysilane, tetraethoxysilane, aluminum isopropoxide, and titanium isopropoxide. Another metal organic compound such as acetyl acetone complex salt, alkyl metal compound, acetylacetone metal salt, naphthenate metal salt or octylate metal salt may be used.

- The very fine particles of the metal oxide can be obtained by another method for obtaining the same from the gas phase reaction of the vapor of the organic metal compound or the metal. The obtained very fine particles of the oxide are dispersed in a solvent so that a

1 dispersed sol is prepared.

If the negative pole activating material is lithium or lithium alloy, lithium ions relate to the battery reactions. In the case of an alkali battery comprising  
5 the negative pole activating material which is zinc, hydroxyl ions relate to the same. The typical battery of a type comprising the negative pole activating material which is zinc is exemplified by a nickel-zinc battery and an air-zinc battery.

10 By covering the surface of the positive pole 104 of the battery with a film 12102 which is made of an insulating material or a semiconductor through which ions relating to the battery reactions can be passed,  
A dendrite of lithium or zinc grown from the negative pole  
15 101 through the separator 108 during the repetition of the charge and the discharge are not substantially brought into contact with the conductor or a collector in the positive pole 104. As a result, short circuits in the battery can be prevented, and therefore the life  
20 of the secondary battery can be lengthened. Further, the safety can be improved.

#### Covering of Positive Pole of Secondary Battery

As the insulating material of the coating material of the positive pole of the secondary battery, any one  
25 of the following materials may be used which is selected from a group consisting of a polymer of the derivative of a large ring compound, a polymer of the derivative of

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- 1 an aromatic hydrocarbon, fluoro-resin, silicon resin,  
titanium resin, polyoxefin, inorganic oxide, nitride,  
carbide and halide. It is effective for the positive  
pole of the lithium secondary battery to be covered with  
5 the polymer of the derivative of the large ring  
compound, the polymer of the derivative of the aromatic  
hydrocarbon or the fluoro-resin.

Polymer of Derivative of Large Ring Compound

- The large ring compound is a ring compound of a  
10 type comprising hetero-atoms of one or more types  
selected from a group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen,  
sulfur and phosphorus. The large ring compound is a  
ring polyether having hole each having a radius larger  
than the radius of the lithium ion. The large ring  
15 compound has one or more structures selected from a  
group consisting of ring polyamine, ring polythioether,  
azacrown ether, ring thioether, thiocrown ether,  
cryptand, cyclam, nonactine, variomicine, thyracrown  
which is a crown ether containing silicon atoms,  
20 cyclodextrin, cyclofan, phthalocyanine and porphyrin  
compound.
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The surface of the positive pole is covered with  
the large ring compound by any one of the following  
methods.

- 25 a. A polymer solution obtainable from  
polymerization of the derivative of the foregoing large  
ring compound is applied by a coating method such as
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1 dipping, spraying, screen-printing or coating application method.

2 b. A mixture in which the derivative of the large  
3 ring compound ~~is~~ mixed with the polymer serving as the  
4 binder is applied and then crosslinked to form the film.

5 c. The derivative of the large ring compound is  
6 used as a monomer to be dissolved in an electrolytic  
7 solution, and then an electric field is applied to  
8 electrolyze and polymerize the material so that the film  
9 is formed on the surface of the positive pole.

10 d. The molded positive pole is immersed in a  
11 solution of the derivative of the large ring compound,  
12 which anion-polymerizes, so that the polymer film is  
13 formed.

14 e. A polymer obtainable by heating and  
15 condensing the large ring compound having an aromatic  
16 ring and formaldehyde in a formic acid is applied.

17 f. The film is formed by sputtering of a polymer  
18 of the large ring compound or the derivative of the  
19 large ring compound or by plasma-polymerizing the large  
20 ring compound.

21 An electrolyte may be mixed at the time of  
22 forming the film. As a result, the wettability between  
23 the electrolytic solution and the film can be improved,  
24 causing ions to easily pass through the film.

25 The polymer for uses ~~as~~ as the coating solution may  
be poly [(dibenzo - 18 - crown - 6) - co - formaldehyde]



1 or the like. The coating polymer can be newly formed  
by the following polymerizing reactions: a large ring  
compound having a carboxylic group or an amino group or  
a hydroxyl group at the terminal group thereof is  
5 condensed and polymerized so that polyamide is obtained  
if the carboxylic group and the amino group react with  
each other. If the carboxylic group and the hydroxyl  
group react with each other, polyester can be obtained.  
The vinyl compound of the large ring compound or diene  
10 of the large ring compound can be obtained in the form  
of an addition polymer by radical polymerization, cation  
polymerization or anion polymerization. The starting  
material in the radical polymerization may be  
azobisisobutyronitrile (AIBN), benzoylperoxide (BPO) or t  
15 - butylhydroperoxide. A starting material for the  
cation polymerization is exemplified by an acid such as  
 $H_2SO_4$ ,  $H_3PO_4$ ,  $HClO_4$ ,  $CCl_3CO_2H$  and Friedel-Craft  
catalyzer such as  $BF_3$ ,  $AlCl_3$ ,  $TiCl_4$  or  $SnCl_4$ . A large  
ring compound having an aromatic ring can be  
20 polymerized by dehydrogenation in which the Friedel-  
Craft catalyzer and an oxidizer are combined ~~to~~ each  
other. A starting material for the anion polymerization  
may be an alkaline metal compound or an organic metal  
compound.

25 As the monomer of the large ring compound for  
use in the polymerization may be crown ether/(+) - 18 -  
crown - 6 - tetracarboxylic acid, 1, 5, 9, 13, 17,

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- c 1 21 - hexathiacyclotetrayosan - 3, 11 - 19 - triol, 1,  
5, 9, 13 - tetrathiacyclohexadecan - 3, 11 - diol, 1 -  
aza - 12 - crown - 4, 1 - aza - 15 - crown - 5, 1 -  
aza - 18 - crown - 6, 1, 4, 10, 13 - tetra~~xyso~~ - 7, 16 -  
a 5 diazocyclooctadecan, 1, 4, 10 - trioxa - 7, 13 -  
e diazacyclopentadecan, or 6, 8 - dioxabicyclo [3. 2. 1] -  
3/c / e ~~4~~ 7 - on. As an alternative to this,  
dibenzocrown ether can be used.

In the foregoing polymerization, a copolymer of  
10 two more types of derivatives of the large ring compounds  
or a copolymer of the large ring compound and another  
monomer may be used as well as the polymer of the  
derivatives of the large ring compounds. A polymer  
obtainable by introducing the derivative of the large  
15 ring compound into a polymer by substitution may be  
employed.

When a battery is manufactured, a polymer must  
be selected so as not to be dissolved in the solvent of  
the electrolytic solution or the polymer crosslinking  
20 reactions are caused to proceed so as not be dissolved  
in the electrolytic solution.

The derivative of the large ring compound  
having, at the terminative group thereof, carboxylic  
group or amino group or a hydroxyl group or having a  
25 vinyl bond or a diene bond and a crosslinking material  
are mixed in the polymer serving as the binder, and  
then the mixed material is hardened. An accelerating

1 material may be mixed at this time. The crosslinking  
material is selected from a group consisting of  
*i* 2 disocyanate, a polyisocyanate prepolymer, block  
isocyanate, an organic peroxide, polyamine, oxime, a  
5 nitroso compound, sulfur, a sulfur compound, selenide<sup>m</sup>, a  
magnesium oxide, a lead oxide and a zinc oxide. The  
organic peroxide is exemplified by di - cumyl - peroxide,  
2, 5 - dimethyl - 2, 5 - di - (t - butyl *g* peroxy)  
hexane, 1, 3 - bis - (t-butyl *g* peroxy isopropyl)  
10 benzene, 1, 1 - bis - (t-butyl *g* peroxy) - 3, 3, 5 -  
trimethyl - cyclohexane, n - butyl - 4, 4 - bis - (t -  
butylperoxy) valerate, 2, 2 - bis - (t - butyl *g*  
peroxide) butane, t - butyl *g* peroxy - benzene, and  
vinyl - tris - (t - butyl *g* peroxy) silane. As an  
15 accelerating agent, a guanidine, aldehyde - amine,  
*e/e* aldehyde-ammonia, thiazol<sup>n</sup>, sulfonamide, thiourea,  
thiuram, dithiocarbamate, xanthate accelerating agent  
is used.

Another coating method using the binder polymer  
20 is exemplified by a method in which a mixture of the  
large ring compound and the binder polymer is applied,  
and then radial rays, electron rays or ultraviolet rays  
are applied to cause the applied material to be  
crosslinked.

25 As a method for covering the positive pole by  
the electrolytic<sup>-/</sup> polymerization, a monomer, such as  
dibenzocrown ether, is mixed in the electrolytic

1 solution, and then the electrolytic polymerization is  
performed while using the negative pole activating  
material or the conductive matrix as an anode. The  
solvent of the electrolytic solution is exemplified by  
5 acetonitrile ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ ), benzonitrile ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CN}$ ), propylene *i/e*  
carbonate (PC), dimethylformamide (DMF), tetrahydrofuran  
(THF), nitrobenzene ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2$ ), dichloroethane,  
diethoxyethane, chlorobenzene,  $\gamma$  - butyrolactone, and  
dioxolan, and their mixtures.

10 It is preferable that the solvent be dehydrated  
with active alumina, molecular sieve, phosphorus  
pentaoxide or calcium chloride.-

The supporting electrolyte is an acid, such as  
 $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ , HCl or  $\text{HNO}_3$  or salt composed of monovalent metal  
15 ion ( $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Rb}^+$  or  $\text{Ag}^+$ ) or tetraammonia ion  
(tetrabutyl ammonia ion ( $\text{TBA}^+$ ) and tetraethyl ammonia  
ion ( $\text{TEA}^+$ )) and Lewis acid ion ( $\text{BF}_4^-$ ,  $\text{PF}_6^-$ ,  $\text{AsF}_6^-$  or  
 $\text{ClO}_4^-$ ). It is preferable that the foregoing salt is  
refined by re-crystallization or it is heated under  
20 lowered pressure to sufficiently dehydrate and  
deoxidize the salt.

As the monomer, crown ether/benzo - 15 - crown -  
5, crown ether/benzo - 18 - crown - 6, crown ether/N -  
phenylaza - 15 - crown - 5, crown ether/dibenzo - 18 -  
25 crown - 6, crown ether/dibenzopyridino - 18 - crown - 6,  
crown ether/dibenzo - 24 - crown - 8, 1, 13 - bis (8 -  
quinolyl) - 1, 4, 7, 10, 13 - pentaioxatridecan, 5,

- 1 6 - benzo - 4, 7, 13, 16, 21, 24 - hexaoxa - 1, 10 -  
C diazabicyclo [8. 8. 8] - hexak~~o~~san, 5, 6 - 14, 15 -  
dibenzo - 4, 7, 13, 16, 21, 24 - hexaoxa - 1, 10 -  
C diazabicyclo [8. 8. 8] - hexak~~o~~san, bis [(benzo - 15 -  
y crown - 5 - ) - 15 - ~~1~~lmethyl] pimelate, crown  
A ether/dibenzo - 30 - crown - 10, N, N' - dibenzyl - 1,  
4, 10, 13 - teraoxa - 7, 16 - diazacycloox~~o~~adecan,  
dilithiumpthalocyanin, 4' - nitrobenzo - 15 - crown -  
5, 3, 6, 9, 14 - tetrathiabicyclo [9. 2. 1] tetradeca -  
10 11, 13 - diene and their mixtures

Since the performance of the battery deteriorates if the polymer film for covering the surface of the negative pole activating material is dissolved in the electrolytic solution, it is preferable to be  
15 crosslinked.

It is preferable that the thickness of the film to be formed on the surface of lithium ranges from 10 Å to 100 μ, further preferably ranges from 50 Å to 10 μ. The optimum thickness of the film differs depending upon the density or the void ratio of the film and considerably differs depending upon the type of the electrolytic solution. The thickness of the film can be adjusted by changing the concentration of the main material in the coating liquid for forming the film.

25 Polymer of Derivative of Aromatic Hydrocarbon

As the derivative of the aromatic hydrocarbon for forming the charge moving complex is one or more

1 types of derivatives selected from a group consisting  
of naphthalene, anthracene, phenanthrene, naphthacene,  
pyrene, triphenylene, perillene, picene, benzopyrene,  
coronene and ovalene.

5 The polymer for use to form the coating  
material can be prepared by polymerization or  
copolymerization of vinyl monomer, monomer of  
acetylene derivative or dicarboxylic acid and diamine,  
and dicarboxylic acid and glycol. The polymerization  
10 of the vinyl monomer can be performed by radical or  
ion polymerization. The monomer of the acetylene  
derivative can be polymerized while using a chloride  
of tungsten as a catalyst. The dicarboxylic acid and  
diamine can be polycondensed and the dicarboxylic acid  
15 and glycol can as well as be polycondensed.

The monomer of the aromatic derivative for  
forming the polymer is exemplified by 2 - vinyl  
naphthalene, 2 - vinyl pyridine, 9 - vinyl anthracene,  
9, 10 - anthracene dipropionic acid, 9, 10 - bis  
20 (phenyl ethyl) anthracene and 5, 12 - bis (phenyl  
ethynyl) naphthalene.

A starting material for the radical  
polymerization is exemplified by azobisisobutyronitrile  
(AIBN), benzoylperoxide (BPO) and t - butylhydroperoxide.

25 A starting material for the cation polymerization is  
exemplified by an acid such as  $H_2SO_4$ ,  $H_3PO_4$ ,  $HClO_4$ ,  
 $CCl_3$  or  $CO_2H$  and Friedel-Craft catalyst such as  $BF_3$ ,

1  $\text{AlCl}_3$ ,  $\text{TiCl}_4$  or  $\text{SnCl}_4$ . A large ring compound having an  
aromatic ring can be polymerized by dehydrogenation in  
which the Friedel-Craft catalyzer and an oxidizer are  
combined ~~to~~ each other. A starting material for the  
5 anion polymerization may be an alkaline metal compound  
or an organic metal compound.

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As an alternative to the foregoing method, a  
polymer into which an aromatic group can be obtained  
by subjecting the side chain of each polymer to a  
10 substitution reaction with a derivative of an aromatic  
compound. Another method may be employed in which an  
electrolytic polymerization reaction is caused to take  
place in an electrolytic solution containing a monomer  
mixed therein to form directly a polymer of an aromatic  
15 compound on the surface of positive pole.

When the surface of the positive pole is applied  
with a coating by using the foregoing polymer solution,  
it is preferable to use a polymer solution dehydrated  
and deoxidized sufficiently in inactive gas dehydrated  
20 sufficiently. It is preferable to use a solvent in the  
foregoing solution which has been dehydrated with active  
alumina, molecular ~~sieve~~, phosphorus pentaoxide or  
calcium chloride. As an alternative to this, it is  
preferable depending upon the type of the solvent that  
25 the solvent be distilled ~~under~~ presence of alkaline  
metal in inactive gas to remove impurities and to be  
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1           An electrolyte may previously be mixed when the  
foregoing film is formed. It leads to a fact that  
wettability between the electrolytic solution and the  
film can be improved, causing ions to easily pass  
5 through the film.

Since the performance of the battery deteriorates  
if the polymer coating film is dissolved in an organic  
solvent of the electrolyte, it is preferable to be  
crosslinked in such a manner, for example, ultraviolet  
10 rays, electron rays or radial rays are applied or a  
crosslinking material, such as a radical generating  
agent, is used.

#### Fluororesin

The fluororesin for covering the surface of the  
15 positive pole is exemplified by ethylene tetrafluoride-  
ethylene copolymer, ethylene tetrafluoride chloride,  
ethylene tetrafluoride - per - fluoroalkylvinyl ether  
copolymer, ethylene tetrafluoride - propylene  
hexafluoride copolymer, vinylidene fluoride resin,  
20 vinyl fluoride resin, and ethylene tetrafluoride resin.  
Since the foregoing materials are not dissolved in a  
solvent, it is preferable to employ sputtering or  
plasma polymerization to cover the surface of the  
positive pole with the fluororesin.

25           Among the fluororesins, those having an ether  
bond ~~is~~ able to facilitate the surface covering because  
*are* they can easily be dissolved in a solvent and to improve



1 the affinity with lithium ions. The fluoro-resin having  
the ether bond is exemplified by (6) a copolymer of ethylene  
fluoride and vinyl monomer such as vinyl ether,  
dioxysol, dioxyne or dioxycene having an ether bond or  
5 dienemonomer derivative or a copolymer with a vinyl  
monomer, such as vinyl ether, dioxysol or dioxyne,  
dixycene having a fluorized ether bond with a diene  
compound, such as ethylene. The fluoroethylene may be  
a fluoroethylene derivative such as tetrafluoroethylene,  
10 chlorotrifluoroethylene, vinylidene fluoride or vinyl  
fluoride. The fluoroethylene copolymer containing the  
ether bond can be polymerized by a solution, suspension,  
block or emulsion polymerization. As a starting  
material, a peroxide, alkyl boron, light or radial rays  
15 may be employed.

The fluoro-resin can be coated on ~~lithium metal~~  
by any one of the following methods (7)

a. A solution of the fluoro-resin is applied by  
spraying, screen printing, by using a coater or by  
20 dipping.

b. The fluoro-resin is directly coated to the  
surface of ~~lithium~~ by a vacuum evaporation method such  
as sputtering.

c. A polymer film is directly formed by plasma  
25 polymerization under an atmosphere of monomer which is  
the raw material for the fluoro-resin.

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1 fluororesin solution, it is preferable to use, in an  
inactive gas dehydrated sufficiently, a fluororesin  
solution dehydrated and deoxidized sufficiently. It is  
preferable to use a solvent in the foregoing solution  
5 which has been dehydrated with active alumina, molecular  
*ie* ~~sheave~~, phosphorus pentaoxide or calcium chloride. As  
an alternative to this, it is preferable depending upon  
the type of the solvent that the solvent be distilled  
under presence of alkaline metal in inactive gas to  
10 remove impurities and to be dehydrated.

An electrolyte may previously be mixed when the  
foregoing film is formed. It leads to a fact that  
wettability between the electrolytic solution and the  
film can be improved, causing ions to easily pass  
15 through the film.

Since the performance of the battery deteriorates  
if the fluororesin film is dissolved in an organic  
solvent of the electrolytic solution, it is preferable  
that the film is crosslinked.

20 As an alternative to the foregoing method of  
coating the surface with the fluororesin solution having  
the ether bond, another method may be employed in which  
ethylene fluoride and vinyl monomer are used as the main  
*so* raw material ~~as~~ to be plasma-polymerized so that the  
25 surface is covered. In order to ~~easily~~ cause the plasma *α*  
polymerization to take place easily or to improve the  
contact of the film and the strength of the same, it is

1 preferable to add, to the fluorine compound serving as  
the raw material, oxygen, hydrogen, helium, argon,  
nitrogen, silane, hydrocarbon or the like. The plasma  
can effectively be generated by a DC or RF glow  
5 discharge method, a microwave discharge method or a  
laser beam irradiation method. The fluororesin having  
the ether bond may be sputtered to cover the surface of  
the positive pole.

It is preferable that the thickness of the film  
10 to be formed on the surface of lithium ranges from 10 Å  
to 100 μ, more preferably ranges from 50 Å to 10 μ.  
The optimum thickness of the film differs depending  
upon the density or the void ratio of the film and  
considerably differs depending upon the type of the  
15 electrolytic solution. The thickness of the film can  
be adjusted by changing the concentration of the main  
material in the coating liquid for forming the film.  
If the plasma polymerization or sputtering is performed,  
the thickness can be adjusted by controlling the  
20 deposition time period.

#### Silicon Resin

The organic silicon compound may be any one of  
a material selected from a group consisting of  
alkoxysilane, alkylsilane, halogenated silane, siloxane,  
25 silane containing vinyl group, amino group, epoxy group,  
methacrylic group or mercaptan group introduced thereto,  
hydrogen - denatured, vinyl - denatured, hydroxyl group

1 denatured, amino - denatured, carboxylic group  
denatured, chloro - denatured, epoxy denatured,  
methacryloxy - denatured, mercapto - denatured,  
fluorine - denatured, long-chain-alkyl denatured or  
5 phenyl - denatured polysiloxane, alkylene oxide  
denatured siloxane copolymer, silicon - denatured  
copolymer, alkoxysilane - denatured polymer, silicon -  
denatured urethane or silicon - denatured nylon.

If the organic compound is liquid, the film can  
10 be formed by a direct coating method or the organic  
compound is diluted in a solvent and then applied. If  
the organic compound is solid, a solution dissolved in a  
solvent may be applied. The application method may be a  
dipping method, a screen printing method, a spraying  
15 method, a roll coating method or the like. The  
viscosity of the coating solution must adequately be  
adjusted to be adaptable to the coating method.

#### Titanium Polymer

A titanium polymer obtained by causing an  
20 organic titanium compound to act on an organic polymer  
may be used. For example, a thiranopolymer of silicon  
polymer formed by crosslinking the main chain of a  
polycarbosilane skeleton with the titanium organic  
compound may be used.

25 As an alternative to the titanium polymer, a  
material obtained by introducing the derivative of an  
organic metal compound, such as an organic aluminum

1 compound, into a polymer by substitution reactions may  
be used as the coating material.

### Polyphosphazene

5 Polyphosphazene which is a polymer in which  
phosphor atoms and nitrogen atoms alternately form  
phosphor-nitrogen double bonds can be obtained by  
heating a dichloropolyphosphazene trimer to 200 to  
300°C and by ring-opening polymerization. The  
dichloropolyphosphazene trimer can be synthesized from  
10 phosphorus pentachloride and ammonia chloride or  
ammonia. Any one of the following catalyzer is used at  
the time of the polymerization: benzoic acid, sodium  
benzonate, 2, 6 - di - p - cresol, water, methanol,  
ethanol, nitromethane, ether, heteropoly acid, sulfur,  
15 zinc, tin and sodium.

Further, various type of polyorganophosphazene  
can be obtained by substituting chloride atoms of  
polydichlorophosphazene by an organic reagent or an  
organic metal reagent.

20 If the surface of positive pole is coated with  
the foregoing polyphosphazene, it is preferable that the  
polymer solution dehydrated and deoxidized sufficiently  
be used in inactive gas dehydrated sufficiently. It is  
preferable to use a solvent in the foregoing solution  
25 which has been dehydrated with active alumina, molecular  
sieve, phosphorus pentaoxide or calcium chloride. As  
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1 the type of the solvent that the solvent be distilled  
*in the* ~~under~~ presence of alkaline metal in inactive gas to  
remove impurities and to be dehydrated.

An electrolyte may previously be mixed when the  
5 foregoing film is formed. It leads to a fact that  
wettability between the electrolytic solution and the  
film can be improved, causing ions to easily pass  
through the film.

Since the performance of the battery deteriorates  
10 if the polymer coating film is dissolved in an organic  
solvent of the electrolyte, it is preferable to be  
crosslinked in such a manner, for example, ultraviolet  
rays, electron rays or radial rays are applied or a  
crosslinking material, such as a radical generating  
15 agent, is used.

It is preferable that the thickness of the film  
to be formed on the surface of lithium ranges from 10 Å  
to 100 μ, more preferably ranges from 50 Å to 10 μ.  
The optimum thickness of the film differs depending upon  
20 the density or the void ratio of the film and  
considerably differs depending upon the type of the  
electrolytic solution. The thickness of the film can  
be adjusted by changing the concentration of the main  
material in the coating liquid for forming the film.

25 Polyolefin

As polyolefin, polyethylene or polypropylene may  
be used. Polyolefin is used in such a manner that the

1 positive pole is dipped in a solution dissolved in a  
solvent such as tetrahydrofuran or o-dichlorobenzene,  
the positive pole is then dried and crosslinked by  
ultraviolet, electrons, radial rays or the like so that  
5 the film is formed on the surface of the positive pole.

The film can be formed by sputtering or plasma  
CVD method. In the material in the plasma CVD method,  
ethylene gas or propylene gas may be used.

#### Inorganic Oxide

10 The inorganic glass is made of a material, such  
as silica, titanium oxide, alumina, zirconia oxide,  
magnesium oxide, tantalum oxide, molybdenum oxide,  
tungsten molybdenum, tin oxide, indium oxide, iron  
oxide, chrome oxide, aluminum phosphate, iron phosphate,  
15 silicon phosphate and their mixtures. A sol-gel method  
is one of adequate methods for forming the inorganic  
glass. The raw material for the material having the  
inorganic glass structure is obtained in such a manner  
that an acid or a base and water are added to a solution  
20 of alcohol of an organic metal compound such as a metal  
alkoxide to hydrolyze the raw material so as to form  
colloid particles having metal atom-oxygen atom bonds,  
and then the collid~~e~~<sup>o</sup> solution is directly applied to the  
surface of the positive pole. As an alternative to  
25 this, a solution in which a monomer or an organic  
polymer or the organic polymer and a crosslinking  
material are dissolved in the collid~~e~~<sup>o</sup> solution is

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1 applied, and then the solution is polymerized or dried  
and polymerized so that the film is formed. By forming  
the composite organic polymer, strength against cracks  
and separation can be improved. If the electrolyte  
5 forming the lithium battery is dissolved in the collid~~e~~ *o/al*  
solution to form the film, the wettability with the  
electrolytic solution can be improved and ions are  
enabled to move easily. /

As an alternative to alkoxide, any one of the  
10 following organic metal compound~~y~~ may be employed: *A*  
acetyl acetone complex salt, an alkyl metal compound,  
acetyl acetone metal salt, naphthene acid metal salt,  
and octyl acid metal salt.

The organic polymer for combining the organic  
15 polymers is exemplified by epoxy resin, polyester,  
polyimide, polyethylene, polypropylene, polyurethane,  
polystyrene, polyethylene glycol, nylon, fluorine resin  
and silicon resin.

The polymer crosslinking material is exemplified  
20 by diisocyanate, polyisocyanate prepolymer, block  
isocyanate, organic peroxide, polyamine, oxims~~s~~, nitroso *e*  
compound, sulfur or sulfur compound, selenium, magnesium  
oxide, lead oxide and zinc oxide.

As an alternative to using the crosslinking  
25 material, a method may be employed in which radial rays  
or electron rays or ultraviolet rays are applied to  
polymerize or crosslink the polymer.



1 As an application method, a dipping method, screen  
printing, spraying or a roll coating method may be  
employed. The viscosity of the liquid to be applied  
must adequately be adjusted to be adaptable to the  
5 application method.

Another method of forming the film by the glass  
inorganic oxide may be employed, for example, any one of  
the following evaporation method or a CVD method may be  
employed: a sputtering method, an electron beam  
10 evaporation method, a plasma CVD (Chemical Vapor  
Deposition) method, and a laser CVD method.

The sputtering process and the electron beam  
evaporation can be performed by a method in which the  
oxide material is directly evaporated or by a method in  
15 which silicon or metal vapor and oxygen gas are caused  
to react with each other to form the film.

The plasma CVD method and the laser CVD method is  
performed in such a manner that oxygen gas and any one  
of a hydroxide or halide of silicon or metal and an  
20 organic metal compound are used as the raw materials to  
be decomposed by discharge or laser so that the film is  
formed.

The inorganic oxide can be used to form the film  
by another method, that is, an electrochemical method  
25 comprising the steps of forming a metal film made of  
aluminum, titanium, tantalum, niobium by sputtering or  
electron beam, anode-oxidizing the film by using an

1 oxalic acid, a phosphoric acid or ammonia borate as an electrolytic solution to form the oxide film.

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5 A film forming method may be employed which utilizes the equilibrium reaction in the water solution to precipitate and cause the oxide film to grow on the surface of the dipped substrate. In this case, silica (a silicon oxide), titanium oxide or vanadium oxide film can be formed. A specific method of forming the silica film comprises the step of dipping the positive pole in  
10 a solution in which silica is saturated in a water solution of hydrofluosilicic acid to form the film.

Nitride

15 The nitride can be obtained from silicon nitride, titanium nitride, aluminum nitride or boron nitride or the like. The nitride film can be formed on the positive pole by sputtering, an electron beam evaporation method, a plasma CVD method or a laser CVD method.

20 The sputtering and the electron beam evaporation methods are categorized to a method in which the nitride material is directly evaporated and a method in which vapor of silicon, titanium or aluminum and nitrogen plasma generated from nitrogen gas or ammonia gas are caused to react with each other to form the film.

25 The plasma CVD method and the laser CVD method respectively comprise the step of decomposing the raw material gas, such as nitrogen gas, ammonia gas or

- 1 nitrogen trifluoride and a hydroxide such as silicon,  
titanium or aluminum, halide or an organic metal  
compound by discharge or laser to form the film.

#### Carbide

- 5 The carbide can be obtained from a material  
exemplified by amorphous carbon, silicon carbide,  
titanium carbide, vanadium carbide and tungsten carbide.

The carbide film can be formed by a similar  
method employed to form the nitride.

- 10 The sputtering and the electron beam evaporation  
methods are categorized to a method in which the  
material from which the carbide is obtained is directly  
evaporated and a method in which silicon, titanium,  
vanadium or tungsten and carbon are used as the raw  
15 materials to form the film.

- The plasma CVD method and the laser CVD method  
respectively comprise the step of, by laser, decomposing  
the material, such as hydrocarbon, from which carbon is  
obtained and a hydroxide such as silicon, titanium,  
20 vanadium or tungsten or a halide or an organic metal  
compound to form the film.

#### Halide

- The halide can be obtained from a material  
selected from a group consisting of lithium fluoride,  
25 magnesium fluoride, sodium fluoride, potassium fluoride,  
barium fluoride or lithium chloride.

The halide film can be formed by a sputtering

- 1 method or an electron beam evaporation method. A CVD method such as the plasma CVD method or the laser CVD method may be employed.

#### Semiconductor

- 5 The semiconductor for covering the positive pole is made of a material exemplified by diamond (carbon), silicon, nickel oxide, copper oxide, vanadium oxide, tin oxide and zinc oxide.

- 10 Alkali metal, phosphorus or boron may be added as impurities.

The semiconductor film may be formed by sputtering, electron beam evaporation, plasma CVD or laser CVD as well as the foregoing method of forming the inorganic acid film.

- 15 Covering of Positive Pole of Nickel-Zinc Secondary Battery or Air-Zinc Secondary Battery

- The material and the method of covering the positive pole of a nickel-zinc secondary battery or air-zinc secondary battery may be the same as those employed to cover the positive pole of the lithium secondary battery. Also, a polymer of a type which is dissolved in an organic solvent but which is not dissolved in water may be used. If the covering material has water-repellant characteristics, a hydrophilic group must be introduced or must be subjected to hydrophilic treatment using a silane coupling material.
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1 Thickness of Film Covering the Surface of Positive Pole

The thickness of the film for covering the surface of the positive pole can be controlled by adjusting the concentration of the solution if the surface is covered by utilizing the liquid layer reactions performed by the polymer solution or the sol-gel method. The same can be controlled by adjusting the deposition time if sputtering, the electron beam evaporation, the CVD method or the plasma polymerization is employed.

10 Aperture in Coating Film on Positive Pole Surface

The apertures and the void ratio of the coating film for covering the surface of the positive pole can be controlled by adjusting the concentration of the solution or the drying condition if covering is performed by using the polymer solution or by utilizing the sol-gel method. Further, any one of the following methods may be employed: a method for forming the film while causing foam to be generated by adjusting the concentration of the foaming material; a method having the steps of forming a film in which the content of the electrolyte is adjusted, and dissolving the electrolyte; a method for controlling the evaporation rate; and a method for adjusting the mixture ratio of the reactive materials.

25 If the negative pole is covered with the coating material of a type employed to cover the positive pole, growth of dendrite from the negative pole can be

7. 1 prevented. Therefore, short circuits in the battery can  
be prevented <sup>by</sup> ~~in effect obtainable from~~ covering the  
positive pole. As a result, the battery cycle can  
further be lengthened.

5 Then, a positive pole according to the present  
invention composed of transition metal and group ~~6~~A  
element will now be described.

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#### Transition Metal Element

The transition metal element in the positive pole  
10 activating material according to the present invention  
may be an element having partially shell d or shell f  
and selected from a group consisting of T, Zr, Hf, V,  
Nb, Ta, Cr, Mo, W, Wn, Tc, Re, Fe, Ru, Os, Co, Rh, Ir,  
Ni, Pd, Pt, Cu, Ag and Au. Any one of the first  
15 transition system metal, is mainly used which is  
exemplified by Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni or Cu. A  
compound of the transition metal and the group ~~6~~A  
element is manufactured by a material exemplified by the  
20 oxide of the transition metal and a hydroxide of the  
transition metal.

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#### Group ~~6~~A Element

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The positive pole activating material according to  
the present invention comprises the group ~~6~~A element  
25 exemplified by O, S, Se, Te and Po. Among the foregoing  
elements, O or S is mainly employed. A compound of the  
transition metal and the group ~~6~~A element can be

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1 manufactured by a material exemplified by a compound of  
a hydroxide, halide, halide oxide or oxide of sulfur,  
*ium* selen~~o~~, tellurium, polonium.

Additive Element

5 By adding elements except the transition metal,  
the distortion of the positive pole activating material  
occurring due to the introduction/discharge of lithium  
ions can be relaxed. The element can be effectively  
added by a method comprising the step of adding the  
10 salt, the halide or an organic metal compound of one or  
more types of elements selected from a group consisting  
of lithium, magnesium, sodium, potassium, aluminum,  
zinc, calcium, barium, lead, indium, boron, silicon,  
tin, phosphor~~y~~, arsenic, antimony, bismuth, chlorine and  
15 fluorine. It is preferable that the atom ratio of the  
additive element with respect to the transition metal  
element be 1 or less.

Method of Manufacturing Compound of Transition Metal and  
Group ~~II~~ A Element

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20 The compound of the transition metal and the  
group ~~II~~ A element according to the present invention is  
manufactured by any one of <sup>the following</sup> methods; ~~categorized~~ to a  
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method in which the compound is prepared from the  
solution of the salt of the transition metal or the  
25 organic transition metal compound by way of a hydroxide,  
a method comprising the steps of melting the transition  
metal or the transition metal compound and rapidly

- 1 cooling it, and a method in which the transition metal compound is caused to react in a gas phase.

The method of preparing the transition metal oxide from the hydroxide is exemplified by a method  
5 comprising the step of baking or drying hydroxide in air or in an oxygen atmosphere to prepare powder. A specific example of preparing the transition sulfide from the hydroxide is exemplified by a method comprising the step of baking a hydroxide in a hydrogen reduction  
10 atmosphere in which a hydrogen sulfide is mixed to prepare powder.

The rapid cooling method for preparing the transition metal oxide comprises the steps of melting the transition metal compound, such as the transition  
15 metal or the transition metal oxide, and spraying oxygen gas containing inactive gas mixed thereto to a rotating disc to prepare the powder.

The method of preparing the transition metal oxide by the gas phase reactions comprises the step of  
20 oxidizing or hydrolyzing the salt of the transition metal or causing vapor of the transition metal to react with the group  $\beta$ A element or a compound of the group  $\beta$ A  
VI element or decomposing the organic transition metal  
compound to prepare the powder.

25 It is preferable that each process be performed at 400°C or lower, more preferable 300°C or lower.

The liquid phase reaction method, the gas phase

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1 reaction method and the melting and rapid cooling method  
will now be described.

#### Liquid Phase Reaction

A method of preparing the hydroxide for use in  
5 the main reaction in the method of manufacturing the  
material from the solution by way of the hydroxide is  
exemplified by:

#### Method of Preparing Hydroxide

It is preferable that the transition metal  
10 hydroxide be prepared by reactions between the salt of  
the transition metal and alkali or by hydrolysis of the  
organic transition metal compound or by reactions  
between the transition metal and alkali. It is  
preferable that the preparation temperature be 150°C  
15 or lower, more preferably 100°C or lower.

#### Reactions between Salt of Transition Metal and Alkali

By causing alkali to react with the salt of the  
transition metal, a hydroxide of the transition metal is  
sedimentated to be prepared. By mixing salts of two or  
20 more types of the transition metals, a hydroxide of a  
composite transition metal can be obtained.

The salt of the transition metal is typified by  
a carbonate, a nitrate, a halide, a sulfate, a sulfamate,  
acetate, oxalate, citrate, tartrate, formate or  
25 ammonate.

The alkali may be lithium hydroxide, sodium  
hydroxide, potassium hydroxide or ammonia hydroxide. As

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1 an alternative to this, urea or thiourea may be used  
which raises the pH by generating hydroxide ions when  
heated.

It is preferable that an organic acid or  
5 inorganic acid or an amine is, in a small quantity,  
added or an organic solvent such as alcohol is added  
at the time of causing alkali to react with the water  
solution of the transition metal salt in order to <sup>make</sup> fine 7  
the sediment particles of the hydroxide.

10 By vibrating the sediment with ultrasonic waves,  
the sediment particles can be <sup>made fine</sup> ~~finer~~. Therefore, the ?  
specific area can be enlarged.

#### Hydrolysis Reaction of Organic Transition Metal Compound

The hydroxide of the transition metal can be  
15 prepared by hydrolyzing an organic metal compound of the  
transition metal, such as alkoxide, acetyl acetate, 0  
octylate or naphthalate.

The hydrolysis of alkoxide is specifically  
performed in such a manner that alkoxide of the  
20 transition metal is dissolved by water, alcohol or  
ethanol amine or the like, and an inorganic acid such as  
hydrochloric acid or an organic acid such as acetic acid  
or ammonia hydroxide or amine is added.

The alkoxide of the transition metal may be a  
25 material selected from a group consisting of  
 $\text{Mn}(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5)_2$ ,  $\text{Mn}(\text{OC}_3\text{H}_7)_2$ ,  $\text{Mn}(\text{OC}_4\text{H}_9)_2$ ,  $\text{Ni}(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5)_2$ ,  $\text{Ni}(\text{OC}_3\text{H}_7)_2$ ,  
 $\text{Ni}(\text{OC}_4\text{H}_9)_2$ ,  $\text{Co}(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5)_2$ ,  $\text{Co}(\text{OC}_3\text{H}_7)_2$ ,  $\text{Co}(\text{OC}_4\text{H}_9)_2$ ,

1  $\text{Ti}(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5)_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{OC}_3\text{H}_7)_2$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{OC}_4\text{H}_9)_2$ ,  $\text{Fe}(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5)_2$ ,  
 $\text{Fe}(\text{OC}_3\text{H}_7)_2$ ,  $\text{Fe}(\text{OC}_4\text{H}_9)_2$ ,  $\text{Cu}(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5)_2$ ,  $\text{Cu}(\text{OC}_3\text{H}_7)_2$ ,  
 $\text{Cu}(\text{OC}_4\text{H}_9)_2$ ,  $\text{VO}(\text{OCH}_3)_3$ ,  $\text{VO}(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5)_3$ ,  $\text{VO}(\text{OC}_3\text{H}_7)_3$ ,  
 $\text{VO}(\text{OC}_4\text{H}_9)_3$  and  $\text{Y}(\text{OC}_4\text{H}_9)_3$ .

5 The acetylacetonate of the transition metal is  
 exemplified by  $\text{Cu}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{O}_2)_2$ ,  $\text{Co}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{O}_2)_2 \cdot (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ ,  
 $\text{Co}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{O}_2)_3$ ,  $\text{Ni}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{O}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ ,  $\text{Mn}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{O}_2)_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ ,  
 $\text{Cr}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{O}_2)_3$ ,  $\text{VO}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{O}_2)_2$ ,  $\text{Fe}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{O}_2)_3$ ,  $\text{Ti}(\text{OC}_4\text{H}_9)_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{O})_2$ ,  
 $\text{La}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{O}_2)_3$ ,  $\text{Y}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{O}_2)_3$ , and  $\text{Zr}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{O}_2)_4$ .

10 The octylate of the transition metal is  
 exemplified by  $\text{Cu}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_{15}\text{COO})_2$ ,  $\text{Ni}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_{15}\text{COO})_2$ ,  $\text{Fe}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_{15}\text{COO})_2$ ,  
 $\text{Mn}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_{15}\text{COO})_2$ ,  $\text{Co}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_{15}\text{COO})_2$ ,  $\text{Zr}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_{15}\text{COO})_2$ ,  $\text{Y}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_{15}\text{COO})_2$ ,  
 and  $\text{La}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_{15}\text{COO})_2$ .

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 The naphthate of the transition metal is  
 15 exemplified by the salt of naphthate expressed by a *la*  
 general formula  $\text{C}_n\text{H}_{2n-2}\text{O}_2$ , that is, cobalt naphthenate,  
 copper naphthenate, manganese naphthenate, iron  
 naphthenate, nickel naphthenate, vanadium naphthenate,  
*u* yttrium naphthenate and lanthanum naphthenate.

20 The alcohol is exemplified by methyl alcohol,  
 ethyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, ethylene glycol and  
 propylene glycol.

#### Dehydrating Reaction

In order to obtain the oxide of the transition  
 25 metal by dehydration from the transition metal hydroxide  
 prepared by the foregoing solution reactions, it is  
 preferable that the transition metal hydroxide is

1 immersed in an organic solvent such as alcohol or  
acetone which is mixed with water to sufficiently  
substitute water, and then it is dried in a vacuum state  
at 100°C or higher. As an alternative to this, heating  
5 and dehydration is performed by using microwaves. If  
the drying temperature is too high, crystallization is  
enhanced and therefore the hydroxide groups are  
decreased. Therefore, it is preferable that the  
temperature be 400°C or lower. It is preferable that  
10 the frequency of the microwaves be a frequency which  
can easily be absorbed by water.

In order to enlarge the specific area, another  
method may be employed in which the dehydration is  
performed by freezing and drying.

15 Hydrogen Treatment

Hydrogen is mixed into the dried atmosphere at  
the time of drying the transition metal oxide followed by  
performing heat treatment. As an alternative to this, a  
method is employed in which the transition metal  
20 hydroxide or the transition metal oxide is subjected to  
hydrogen plasma treatment. The hydrogen plasma can be  
generated by a hydrogen gas discharge method or by a  
method of exciting and decomposing the hydrogen gas by  
laser beams.

25 Introduction of Group ~~6A~~ Element Except Oxygen

A method is employed in which the transition  
metal hydroxide or the transition metal oxide is treated

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1 with hydrogen sulfide or hydrogen selenide or the group  
pA element is mixed at the time of preparing the  
transition metal hydroxide.

Gas Phase Reaction Method

5 As a method of preparing a compound of the  
transition metal and the group pA element, a gasified  
transition metal salt or an organic transition metal  
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compound or vapor of the transition metal and the group  
pA element or the group pA element compound are caused  
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10 to react with each other in the gas phase to prepare  
powder. Another method may be employed in which the  
gasified transition metal salt or the organic transition  
metal compound containing the group pA element is  
decomposed in the gas phase to prepare the compound of  
15 the transition metal and the group pA element. VI

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20 If the transition metal salt or the organic  
transition metal compound is in the form of a solid, it is  
heated as to be formed into vapor or it is heated as to  
be formed into liquid. Then, carrier gas is bubbled as  
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to be introduced into the reaction chamber. If the  
transition metal salt or the organic transition metal  
compound is in the form of liquid, it may be heated as  
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to be formed into vapor or carrier gas is bubbled as to  
be introduced into the reaction chamber.

25 The salt of the transition metal may mainly be a  
halide such as a chloride. As an alternative to this, a  
carbonate, a nitrate, a sulfate, sulfonate, acetate, X

*a/i* 1 citrate, ~~ter~~trate, formate or ammon~~x~~ate. The chloride is exemplified by  $\text{VOCl}_3$ ,  $\text{MnCl}_2$ ,  $\text{MoCl}_5$ ,  $\text{TiCl}_4$ ,  $\text{NiCl}_2$ ,  $\text{CoCl}_2$ ,  $\text{FeCl}_3$ ,  $\text{WCl}_6$ ,  $\text{YCl}_3$  and  $\text{ZrCl}_4$ .

The raw material from which the group ~~6~~A element  
5 can be obtained is exemplified by the group ~~6~~A element, the hydroxide of the group ~~6~~A element and the halide of the group ~~6~~A element.

*VI* By mixing hydrogen gas in the foregoing gas phase reaction, a compound of the transition metal and the  
10 group ~~6~~A element containing hydrogen can be prepared.

*VI* In the foregoing gas phase reaction, it is preferable to employ any one of the following methods: a heat CVD (Chemical Vapor Deposition) method, a plasma CVD method, a laser CVD method, a filament method, a  
15 reactive sputtering method and the electron beam method.

*The glow discharge* 1 ~~s~~puttering is performed by heat in the heat CVD method, by ~~charge~~ in the plasma CVD method, by heat energy or light energy of laser beams in the laser CVD method, by heat of a filament made of tungsten or the  
20 like in the filament method, and in the reactive sputtering method in the reactive gas atmosphere, and by electron beam heating in the electron beam method. As a result, gas phase reactions are respectively performed so that the material is prepared. It is preferable that  
25 the raw material be in the form of ~~a~~ solid in the reactive sputtering method or the electron beam method. *a*

1 Rapid Cooling Method

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In this case, any one of the following methods may be employed: a gun method comprising the steps of generating, while breaking a Mylar film, shock waves by helium gas, in which oxygen or hydrogen sulfide is mixed, as to be sprayed to the transition metal or the transition metal compound melted with high frequency waves, and causing blown compound powder to impact against a cooling steel plate in the form of a slide disposed below so that the temperature is rapidly cooled; a method in which a molten bath is dispersed by spraying with inactive gas jet in which oxygen or hydrogen sulfide is mixed; and an atomization method in which molten bath of the transition metal or the transition metal compound is sprayed in an atmosphere containing the group 6A element such as oxygen or group 6A element compound such as hydrogen sulfide as to be formed into powder. By mixing hydrogen gas into the inactive gas, hydrogen can be introduced into the product.

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It is preferable that the rapid cooling rate be  $10^1$  to  $10^8$  K, more preferable  $10^2$  to  $10^8$  K.

The melting and heating furnace may be a crucible furnace, an induction furnace, an arc furnace or an electron beam furnace.

The method of causing the alkali to directly react with the transition metal is exemplified by a

1 method in which metal such as vanadium is caused to react  
with molten alkali to prepare an oxide.

Conductor Core

5 When conductor powder is mixed at the time of  
preparing the compound of the transition metal and the  
group ~~II~~A element to cause the compound of the transition  
metal and the group ~~II~~A element to grow while using the  
conductor powder as the core, the collecting efficiency  
can be raised. Therefore, the introduction and  
10 discharge of lithium ions can be made easier, and  
therefore the battery capacity can be enlarged.

The conductor powder may be made of one or more  
types of materials selected from a group consisting of  
carbon, titanium, nickel, cobalt, iron, chrome,  
15 manganese, vanadium, platinum, ~~pa~~adium, copper, silver, Al  
gold, zinc, tin, indium, lead, tungsten and molybdenum.  
It is preferable to use one or more types of elements  
selected from a group consisting of carbon, titanium,  
nickel, cobalt, iron, chrome, manganese, vanadium and  
20 platinum.

The shape of the conductor powder is formed into  
one or more types of shapes selected from a group  
consisting of a spherical shape, a flake shape, a needle  
shape and a fiber shape. As a result, also the compound  
25 powder of the transition metal and the group ~~II~~A element VI  
can be formed into the spherical, flake, needle or fiber  
shape. Therefore, the efficiency of the electron



1 movement between the positive pole activating material  
can be raised, and therefore the charging and  
discharging efficiency can be improved.

It is preferable that the diameter of the  
5 conductor powder be  $10 \text{ \AA}$  to  $100 \mu$  when measured by an  
electron microscope, more preferably  $10 \text{ \AA}$  to  $10 \mu$ .

#### Crushing of Positive Pole Activating Material

PO The prepared positive pole activating material  
must be crushed, as to have an adequate grain size if  
10 obtained positive pole activating material is in the  
form of a block.

It is preferable to crush the positive pole  
activating material by using, while combining, means  
selected from a group consisting of a compression  
15 crushing machine, a shearing crushing machine, an impact  
crushing machine, a roll mill, a roller mill, a high-  
speed rotational mill, a ball mill, a medium stirring  
mill, a jet mill, a mortar and a stamping mill.

#### Coating Film Made of Conductor

20 The prepared compound of the transition metal and  
the group  $\beta$ A element is covered with a conductor thin  
film by chemical plating (~~non-electrolytic~~ <sup>electroless</sup> plating) or  
by evaporation. As a result of the foregoing process,  
the current collecting efficiency can be raised, the  
25 ~~introduction/discharge~~ <sup>intercalation/deintercalation</sup> of lithium ion can be  
facilitated and the battery capacity can be enlarged.

The conductor thin film may be made of one or

- 1 more types of materials selected from a group  
consisting of carbon, titanium, nickel, cobalt, iron,  
chrome, manganese, vanadium, platinum, ~~par~~adium, copper, *ll*  
silver, gold, zinc, tin, indium, lead, tungsten and  
5 molybdenum. It is preferable to use one or more types  
of elements selected from a group consisting of carbon,  
titanium, nickel, cobalt, iron, chrome, manganese,  
vanadium and platinum.

The chemical plating method is a method in which  
10 metal ions are deoxidized by a deoxidizer such as  
formaldehyde to precipitate the metal film.

The evaporation is performed by any one of the  
following methods: a method in which vapor of metal is  
generated by electron beams or laser beams, *as to be* *so*  
15 applied to the subject; a method in which a carbon or  
metal target is sputtered, *as to be* *so* applied to the  
subject; a method in which hydrocarbon or organic  
solvent or an organic metal compound is decomposed by  
discharge or laser or heat, *as to be* *so* applied to the  
20 subject. The decomposition of the hydrocarbon and the  
organic solvent enables a carbon film to be formed,  
while the decomposition of the organic metal compound  
enables a metal film to be formed.

It is preferable that the thickness of the  
25 conductor film ranges from  $50 \text{ \AA}$  to  $1 \mu$ .

#### Lipophilic Treatment

The positive pole activating material is

1 subjected to the lipophilic treatment in such a manner  
that the organic metal compound is immersed in a  
solution, in which an organic solvent is dissolved,  
and then it is dried.

5 It is preferable that the organic metal compound  
for use in the lipophilic treatment be an organic metal  
compound such as silane coupling material or organic  
titanate. If dilution is performed, the dilution  
concentration with respect to the solvent ranges from  
10 0.05 to 2 wt%.

The silane coupling material is exemplified by  
vinyltrimethoxysilane, vinylmethoxysilane, N - (2 -  
aminoethyl)-3 - aminopropylmethyl dimethoxysilane, N -  
(2 - aminoethyl)-3 - aminopropyltrimethoxysilane,  
15 3 - aminopropyltriethoxysilane, 3 -  
glycid~~oxy~~propyltrimethoxysilane, 3 -  
glycid~~oxy~~propylmethyldimethoxysilane, 2 - (3,4 -  
epoxycyclohexyl) ethyltrimethoxysilane, 3 -  
chloropropylmethyldimethoxysilane, 3 -  
20 chloropropyltrimethoxysilane, 3 -  
methacryloxytrimethoxysilane, 3 -  
mercaptotrimethoxysilane, and N - [2 -  
(vinyl~~phenyl~~/amino)ethyl] - 3 -  
aminopropyltrimethoxysilane.

25 The organic titanate is exemplified by tetra -  
i - propoxytitanium, tetra - n - butoxytitanium, tetrakis  
(2 - ethylhexyloxy)titanium, tetrastearoxytitanium,

- 1 di - i - proxy.bis (acetylacetate)titanium,  
dihydroxy.bis (lactato)titanium, titanium - i -  
propoxyoctylene glycol, titanium stearate, propane  
dioxytitanbis (ethylacetoacetatē), propanedioxytitanium  
5 (acetylacetate) (ethylacetoacetate), oxotitanbis  
(monoammonium oxalate), tri - n -  
butoxytitanmonostearate, and titan polymer.

Analysis of Transition Metal and Group ~~II~~A Element

Measurement of Size of Crystal Grain

- 10 The size of crystal grains was evaluated from  
the peak half width and the angle of diffraction of  
X-ray diffraction curve in accordance with the following  
Scherrer's Formula:

$$t = 0.9\lambda / B \cos \theta_B \quad (\text{Scherrer's Formula})$$

- 15 where t: size of crystal grain  
 $\lambda$ : wave length of X-ray beam  
B: peak half width  
 $\theta_B$ : angle of diffraction

- 20 It is preferable that the average size of the  
crystal grain of the positive pole activating material  
which is the compound of the transition metal and the  
group ~~II~~A element for use in the secondary battery  
according to the present invention be 500 Å or less when  
calculated by using the foregoing Scherrer's Formula,  
25 more preferably 200 Å or less.

Observation of Crystal Structure

The crystal structure of the positive pole

1 activating material and the group 6A element prepared by  
the method according to the present invention can be  
observed in such a manner that the waveform of the  
radial distribution function can be observed by X-ray  
5 diffraction, the diffraction pattern can be observed by  
reflecting high speed electron beam diffraction (RHEED)  
and the waveform of the X-ray diffraction curve can be  
observed.

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The radial distribution function can be obtained  
10 by Fourier transforming the dispersion intensity of  
measured X-ray or neutron beam. The radial distribution  
function is expressed by the presence possibility of  
atoms with respect to an arbitrary atom or a function  
of the deviation distance from an average numerical  
15 density. If the specimen is made of amorphous material,  
a moderate peak curve can be obtained. If the specimen  
is crystal material, a discontinuous <sup>(a)</sup> sharp peak can  
be obtained. or

The RHEED enables a halo pattern to be observed  
20 if the specimen is made of amorphous material, enables a  
ring pattern to be observed if the specimen is made of  
microcrystal material and enables a spot pattern to be  
observed if the specimen is made of a multi-crystal  
material.

25 The dispersion angle and the dispersion intensity  
obtainable in the X-ray small angle dispersion method  
also enables ~~of~~ fluctuation of ununiform density

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1 peculiar to the amorphous material.

Further, the differential thermal analysis enables heat absorption or heat generation due to the structural relaxation or the crystallization structural  
5 change occurring to the temperature rise to be observed if the specimen is amorphous material. If a hydroxide group is present, heat absorption due to dehydration can be observed.

By using the foregoing means, the structure of  
10 the compound of the transition metal and the group  $\beta A$  element prepared by the manufacturing method according to the present invention can be analyzed so that the amorphous structure, the microcrystal structure and the multi-crystal structure are confirmed.

15 Analysis of Hydrogen

The compound of the transition metal containing hydrogen and the group  $\beta A$  element is subjected to  
qualitatively analyzed by SIMS (Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry) analysis.

20 Manufacturing of Positive Pole

The positive pole is manufactured in such a manner that the bonding material, and conductive powder if necessary, is mixed with the powder of the compound of the transition metal and the group  $\beta A$  element  
25 manufactured by the foregoing method, and then formed into the positive pole together with the collector. It is preferable that the foregoing forming process be

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1 performed in dry air from which water has sufficiently  
be removed, more particularly ~~under~~ inactive gas  
atmosphere.

5 The conductive powder acts to enhance the  
electron conduction and facilitate the current  
collection because the active material, which is the  
compound of the transition metal and the group ~~IA~~  
element, does not substantially have the electron  
conductivity.

10 The conductive powder may be carbon material,  
such as acetylene black, ~~ket~~ black or graphite  
powder, or metal, such as nickel, titanium, copper or  
stainless steel. It is preferable that the mixture  
ratio of the conductive powder with respect to the  
15 positive pole active material be 1 or less.

The bonding material bonds the positive pole  
active material powder to one another and prevents  
generation of cracks in the charge and discharge cycle  
to prevent the separation from the collector. The  
20 bonding material may be one or more types of resin  
which are stable against the organic solvent and which  
are selected from a ~~gr~~oup consisting of fluoro-resin,  
polyethylene, polypropylene and silicon resin. It is  
preferable that the foregoing resin be in the form of  
25 liquid or solution or having a low melting point.

Further, it is preferable that the solvent be removed  
and the resin is crosslinked during the process of

1 manufacturing the positive pole. As a result, the  
content of the bonding material in the positive pole  
can be lowered and the capacity of the battery can be  
improved. The liquid resin or the resin which can be  
5 dissolved in the solvent is exemplified by fluororesin  
having an ether bond and silicon resin. If the  
fluororesin having the ether bond is used, the  
concentration can be lowered when it is dissolved in  
a solvent. Therefore, the content in the positive pole  
10 can be lowered as much as possible and the void ratio *porosity*  
can be raised. Further, the state is very stable after  
crosslinking has been performed so that a satisfactory  
effect can be obtained upon the charge and discharge  
cycle.

15 It is also preferable that dehydration is  
performed with heat generated by microwaves and a  
vacuum ~~dr~~<sup>er</sup> is used to dehydrate the positive pole  
after the positive pole has been formed.

20 It is preferable that the mixture ratio of the  
bonding material with respect to the positive active  
material be 0.1 or less.

#### Examples

25 Examples of the present invention will now be  
described. It should be noted that the present  
invention is not limited to the examples below.

#### Example 1-1

A flat type battery having a simple structure,



1 exhibiting assembling easiness and having a cross  
sectional structure schematically shown in Fig. 2 was  
assembled to evaluate the characteristics of the  
secondary battery while mainly evaluating the life  
5 against cycle operation.

First, a solution in which colloidal silica  
manufactured by Shokubai Kasei and subjected to  
hydrophobic treatment in an atmosphere of dry argon gas  
was dispersed in N, N - dimethylformamide was dehydrated  
10 by active alumina. Then, lithium metal foil to which  
titanium mesh collector 200 was pressed against the  
reverse side was immersed in the colloidal silica  
solution prepared by the foregoing method, and then  
dried at 120°C so that a lithium negative pole 201  
15 covered with silica was manufactured.

A positive pole activating material 203 was  
manufactured in such a manner that a mixture of  
dehydrated and electrolyzed manganese dioxide and  
lithium carbonate was heated so that a lithium-manganese  
20 composite oxide was prepared. Then, tetrafluoroethylene  
polymer powder was mixed, and then pressed against the  
titanium mesh as to be formed into a designed shape.

The electrolytic solution was obtained by  
dissolving, by 1 M (mol/l), lithium arsenate  
25 hexafluoride salt in an equally mixed solvent of  
propylene carbonate (PC) and dimethoxyethane (DME).

A separator 208 was formed in such a manner that

1 a separator made of polypropylene and having small  
apertures was sandwiched by unwoven polypropylene  
sheets.

5 The assembling process was performed in such a  
manner that the separator 208 was placed between the  
negative pole 201 and the positive pole 203 followed by  
inserting them into a positive pole case 207 made of  
titanium clad stainless steel. Then, an electrolytic  
solution was injected followed by sealing the positive  
10 pole case 207 with a negative cap 206 made of titanium  
clad stainless steel and an insulating packing 210 made  
of fluororubber so that a secondary battery was  
manufactured.

Comparative Example 1-1

15 A lithium secondary battery was manufactured by  
a method similar to Example 1-1 except for excluding  
the surface covering treatment using the metal lithium  
foil performed in Example 1-1.

Comparative Example 1-2

20 A battery similar to that according to Example  
1-1 was manufactured.

The preparation of the materials and assembly  
were performed in an atmosphere of dry argon similarly  
to Example 1-1.

25 First, aluminum trichloride and phosphoric acid  
were allowed to react with each other in ethyl alcohol,  
and gradually heated to 100°C so that glass form

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1 aluminum phosphate was obtained. Then, it was dispersed  
in n-hexane so that a film forming solution was  
prepared. The film forming solution was applied to a  
lithium metal foil to which the titanium mesh collector  
5 was pressed. Then, a film was formed at 120°C. Then,  
similar processes to those according to Example 1-1 were  
performed so that a lithium battery was manufactured.

Example 1-3

A battery similar to that according to Example  
10 1-1 was manufactured.

The preparation of the materials and assembly  
were performed in an atmosphere of dry argon similarly  
to Example 1-1.

First, acetic acid and water were added to an  
15 ethyl alcohol solution of tetrabutoxytitanium to be  
hydrolyzed. Then, diethylamine was added so that  
colloidal titanium oxide was formed. Then, colloidal  
titanium oxide was dissolved in a xylene solution of  
polyethylene so that a film forming solution was  
20 prepared. The film forming solution was applied to  
the lithium metal foil to which the stainless mesh  
collector was pressed followed by drying it at 100°C.  
Then, electron beams were applied to crosslink the  
polyethylene so that a film was formed. Then, similar  
25 processes to those according to Example 1-1 were  
performed so that a lithium battery was manufactured.

1     Example 1-4

A battery similar to that according to Example 1-1 was manufactured.

5     The preparation of the materials and assembly were performed in an atmosphere of dry argon similarly to Example 1-1.

10     A toluene solution of triethylaluminum was mixed with an isopropyl alcohol solution of tetrabutoxytitanium, followed by adding acetic acid and water as to be hydrolyzed. Then, diethylamine was added so that colloidal titanium oxide-alumina was formed. Then, the colloidal titanium oxide-alumina was dispersed in a toluene solution *in* which acrylic resin and epoxy resin were dissolved so that the film forming solution was prepared. The film forming solution was applied to a lithium metal foil to which the stainless mesh collector was pressed, and then a film was formed at 80°C. Then, similar processes to those according to Example 1-1 were performed so that a lithium battery was  
20     manufactured.

Example 1-5

A battery similar to that according to Example 1-1 was manufactured.

25     The preparation of the materials and assembly were performed in an atmosphere of dry argon similarly to Example 1-1.

First, acetic acid and water were added to an

1 ethyl alcohol solution of tetraethoxysilane~~as~~ to be *AD*  
hydrolyzed. Then, diethyl amine was added so that  
colloidal silica oxide was formed. Then, the colloidal  
silica was dispersed in an acetonitrile~~l~~ solution of *ile*  
5 polyethylene glycol, followed by adding  
*n/ile* azobisisobutyronitrile~~l~~ and arsenic hexafluoride lithium  
salt so that a film forming solution was prepared. The  
film forming solution was applied to the lithium metal  
foil to which the stainless mesh collector was pressed,  
10 followed by drying it at 100°C~~as~~ to crosslink *so*  
polyethylene glycol so that a film was formed. Then,  
similar processes to those according to Example 1-1 were  
performed so that a lithium battery was manufactured.

Example 1-6

15 A battery similar to that according to Example  
1-1 was manufactured.

First, felt-shape carbon was immersed in silica  
coating solution NT-G326, which was manufactured by  
Nissan Kagaku and to which boron tetrafluoride lithium  
20 salt was added, and taken out from it. Then, it was  
hardened at 110°C for 20 minutes and 300°C for 30  
minutes so that silica coating was performed. The  
obtained felt-shape carbon covered with the silica was  
used as the cathode and the lithium metal was used as  
25 the anode in an electrolytic solution in which arsenic  
hexafluoride lithium salt was, by 1 M (mol/l), dissolved  
in an equal-quantity mixture solvent of propylene

1 carbonate and dimethoxyethane dehydrated sufficiently.  
As a result, lithium was introduced and allowed to  
adhere to the felt-shape carbon covered with silica so  
that the negative pole 201 was manufactured.

5 Then, similar processes to those according to  
Example 1-1 were performed so that a battery was  
manufactured.

Example 1-7

A battery similar to that according to Example  
10 1-1 was manufactured.

First, paste obtained by mixing zinc oxide  
powder, metal zinc powder and water glass was injected  
into foamed nickel (Celmet) manufactured by Sumitomo  
Denko. Then, the material was hardened at 80°C for 20  
15 minutes and 200°C for 30 minutes so that the negative  
pole 201 was formed.

Then, paste obtained by mixing, with nickel  
hydroxide, nickel powder, cobalt powder, carboxylic  
methyl cellulose serving as the bonding material,  
20 ethylene glycol and water was injected into the Celmet  
manufactured by Sumitomo Denko. Then, it was dried and  
pressed so that the positive pole 203 was formed.

The separator was formed in such a manner that  
polypropylene film subjected to hydrophilic treatment  
25 and having small apertures was sandwiched by unwoven  
polyamide sheets. The electrolytic solution was a 30  
wt% potassium hydroxide solution. The assembly was

1 performed similarly to Example 1-1 so that a nickel-zinc  
secondary battery was manufactured.

Comparative Example 1-2

5 A nickel-zinc secondary battery was manufactured  
by a method similar to Example 1-7 except that the  
negative pole was manufactured by mixing polyethylene  
serving as the bonding material and ethylene glycol in  
place of the water glass.

Example 1-8

10 A battery having a structure similar to that  
according to Example 1-1 was manufactured. However, a  
positive pole case having small apertures for receiving  
oxygen in air was employed.

15 The negative pole 201 was formed similarly to  
that according to Example 1-7.

The positive pole 203 was formed in such a manner  
that the positive catalyzer layer was formed by adding  
manganese dioxide to active carbon, and a water-  
repellant film made of polytetrafluoroethylene and  
20 cellulose-type diffusion paper were stacked on the  
positive catalyzer layer.

The separator 208 comprises a cellophane film,  
while the electrolytic solution comprises a 30 wt%  
potassium hydroxide solution.

25 The battery was assembled in such a manner that  
the separator 208 was held between the negative pole 201  
and the positive pole 203, followed by inserting them

1 into the positive pole case 207 having small apertures  
for receiving oxygen in air and made of titanium clad  
stainless steel. Then, the electrolytic solution was  
injected, and sealing was performed by the negative cap  
5 206 made of the titanium clad stainless steel and the  
insulating packing 210 made of fluorine rubber so that  
the air-zinc secondary battery was manufactured.

#### Comparative Example 1-3

An air-zinc secondary battery was manufactured by  
10 a method similar to that according to Example 1-8 except  
that the negative pole according to Comparative Example  
1-2 was used.

#### Evaluation of Performance of Secondary Battery

The performance of lithium secondary batteries  
15 according to Examples 1-1 to 1-6 and Comparative Example  
1-1, the nickel-zinc secondary battery according to  
Example 1-7 and Comparative Example 1-2, and the air-  
zinc secondary battery according to Example 1-8 and  
Comparative Example 1-3 was evaluated. The evaluation  
20 was performed by a charge and discharge cycle test under  
the following conditions with respect to the cycle life  
of the batteries according to Comparative Examples 1-1,  
1-2 and 1-3. The conditions for the cycle test were  
made as follows: the charge and discharge was  
25 performed by 0.2C (electric current which was 0.2  
times capacity/time), pause for 30 minutes and a cut-off  
voltage of 1.0V was applied. A charging/discharging



1 apparatus HJ-101M6 manufactured by Hokuto Electric was  
used. The charge/discharge test was commenced at  
discharge, the battery capacity was evaluated, the  
quantity of the third discharge, and the cycle life  
5 was evaluated by the number of cycles when the battery  
capacity had deteriorated to 60% or less.

The cycle life of each battery with respect to  
the cycle life of the battery according to Comparative  
Example 1-1 which was made to be 1 was as shown in  
10 Table 1.

As can be understood from the results of  
comparisons made between Examples 1-1 to 1-6 and  
Comparative Example 1-1, between Example 1-7 and  
Comparative Example 1-2 and between Example 1-8 and  
15 Comparative Example 1-3, the cycle life can  
considerably be lengthened due to use of the foil made  
of the negative pole activating material according to  
the present invention and arranged in such a manner  
that the surface is covered with the film having an  
20 inorganic glass structure through which lithium ions  
can be passed.

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Secondary Battery Manufactured		Cycle Life according to the present invention
Example	Comparative Example	Cycle Life according to Comparative Example
Example 1-1	Comparative Example 1-1	2.5
Example 1-2	Comparative Example 1-1	2.0
Example 1-3	Comparative Example 1-1	1.5
Example 1-4	Comparative Example 1-1	1.5
Example 1-5	Comparative Example 1-1	3.0
Example 1-6	Comparative Example 1-1	3.4
Example 1-7	Comparative Example 1-2	1.5
Example 1-8	Comparative Example 1-3	2.0

1 Example 2-1

A flat battery which had a simple structure,  
which could be assembled simply and which had a cross  
sectional shape schematically shown in Fig. 2 was  
5 assembled to evaluate the characteristics of the  
secondary battery while evaluating the cycle life.

h First, a peroxide benzoyl was, in an atmosphere  
of dry argon gas, dissolved in a toluene solution of  
poly (2-vinyl naphthalene) manufactured by Aldrich  
10 Chemical Company, Inc. Then, a lithium metal foil to  
which the stainless mesh collector 200 was pressed from  
the reverse side was immersed in it. Then, heat  
treatment at 100°C was performed so that a lithium pole  
201 covered with the poly (2-vinyl naphthalene) was  
15 manufactured. h

The positive pole activating material 203  
comprised a lithium-manganese composite oxide prepared  
by heat treatment subjected to a mixture of dehydrated  
electrolytic manganese dioxide and lithium carbonate  
20 and a graphite mixture. Then, tetrafluoroethylene  
polymer powder was mixed and then pressed against a  
titanium mesh as to be formed. ad

The electrolytic solution was prepared by  
dissolving, by 1 M (mol/l), arsenate hexafluoride  
25 lithium salt in an equal-quantity mixture solvent of  
propylene carbonate (PC) and dimethoxyethane (DME).

The separator 208 was formed by sandwiching

- 1 a separator made of propylene and having small apertures  
by unwoven polypropylene sheets.

Comparative Example 2-1

- 5 A lithium secondary battery was manufactured by  
a method similar to Example 2-1 except ~~for~~ that the α  
metal lithium foil surface covering treatment according  
to Example 2-1 was omitted.

Example 2-2

- 10 A battery similar to that according to Example  
2-1 was manufactured.

The preparation of materials and assembling of  
the battery were performed in an atmosphere of dry  
argon similarly to Example 2-1.

- 15 First, 0.03 M azobisisobutylnitril~~e~~ was added to n/i/e  
h  
a 5M tetrahydrofuran solution of 9-vinyl an~~t~~racene,  
following by performing polymerization at 45°C so that  
a polymer solution was obtained. Then, the polymer  
solution was applied to lithium metal foil to which a  
titanium mesh collector was pressed followed by drying  
20 the polymer solution. Then, ultraviolet rays were  
applied so that a lithium pole covered with the  
polyvinyl an~~t~~racene film was manufactured. Then,  
similar processes to those according to Example 2-1  
were performed so that the lithium secondary battery  
25 was manufactured.

Example 2-3

A battery similar to that according to Example

1 2-1 was manufactured.

The preparation of materials and assembling of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of dry argon similarly to Example 2-1. -

5 First, 9, 10-antracene dipropionic acid and ethylene glycol of the same mol and a small quantity of zinc acetate were injected into a reaction chamber followed by dehydrating and condensing them at 200°C in an argon gas flow. Then, azobisisobut~~yl~~onitryl<sup>h</sup> was up/ile added, and the lithium metal foil to which a stainless steel mesh collector was pressed was immersed followed by taking out it. Then, it was heated to 100°C so that a film was formed on the surface of lithium. Then, similar processes to those according to Example 2-1 were performed so that the lithium secondary battery was manufactured.

#### Example 2-4

A battery similar to that according to Example 2-1 was manufactured.

20 The preparation of materials and assembling of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of dry argon similarly to Example 2-1.

25 Tantalum pentachloride was dissolved in toluene at 80°C, and a toluene solution of 5, 12-bits (phenylethynyl) naphthalene was added followed by polymerizing them at 80°C. An obtained polymer was cleaned with methyl alcohol, dried and again dissolved

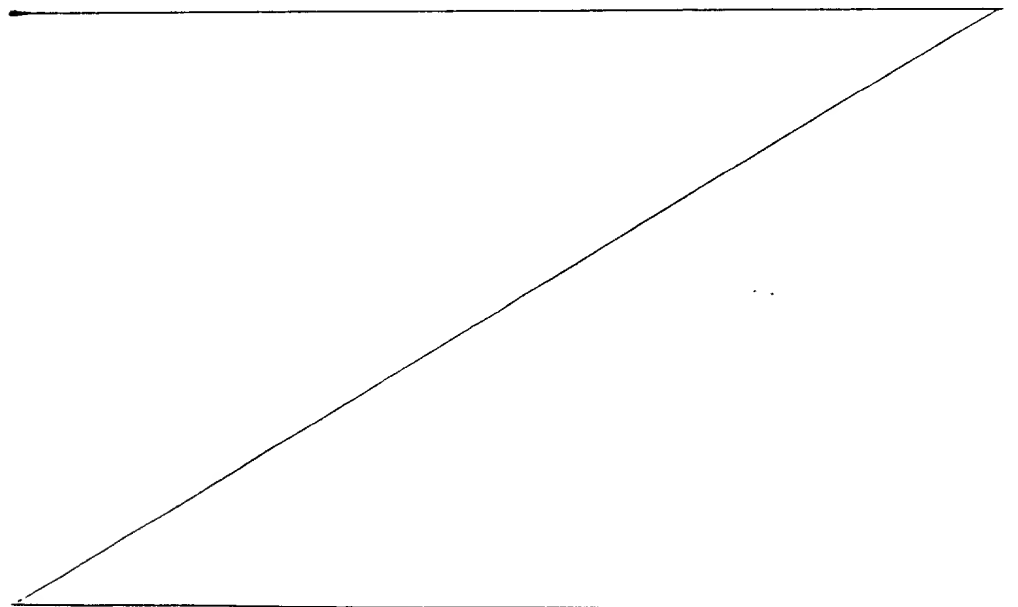
1 in toluene so that a film forming solution was  
prepared. Then, a lithium metal foil to which a  
stainless steel mesh collector was pressed was  
immersed, followed by raising it and drying the same.  
5 Then, electron beams were applied to crosslink the  
material so that a film was formed on the surface of  
lithium. Then, similar processes to those according  
to Example 2-1 were performed so that the lithium  
secondary battery was manufactured.

10 Example 2-5

A lithium secondary battery similar to that  
according to Example 2-1 was manufactured except that  
peroxide benzoyl was dissolved in a toluene solution of  
poly (2-vinyl naphthalene), and then arsenate  
15 hexafluoride lithium salt was added so that the film  
forming solution was prepared.

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1 Example 2-6

A battery similar to that according to Example 2-1 was manufactured.

5 The preparation of materials and assembling of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of dry argon similarly to Example 2-1.

Felt-form carbon, which had been dehydrated and dried, was immersed in lithium dissolved in a stainless container, followed by cooling the same  
10 so that felt-form carbon was manufactured. Then, it was immersed in a toluene solution of poly (2-vinyl naphthalene) to which azobisisobutyronitrile *file* was added, followed by raising the felt carbon. It was then dried at 80°C, irradiated with ultraviolet  
15 rays to be crosslinked so that the negative pole 201 was manufactured. Then, similar processes to those according to Example 2-1 were performed so that the lithium secondary battery was manufactured.

Evaluation of Performance of Lithium Secondary Battery

20 The performance of lithium secondary batteries according to Examples 2-1 to 2-5 and Comparative Example 2-1 was evaluated. The evaluation was performed by a charge and discharge cycle test under the following conditions with respect to the cycle life of the  
25 batteries according to Comparative Example 2-1. The conditions for the cycle test were made as follows: the charge and discharge was performed by 0.2C (electric

1 current which was 0.2 times capacity/time), pause  
for 30 minutes and a cut-off voltage of 1.0V was applied.  
A charging/discharging apparatus HJ-101M6 manufactured  
by Hokuto Electric was used. The charge/discharge  
5 test was commenced at discharge, the battery capacity  
was evaluate<sup>105</sup> the quantity of the third discharge and  
the cycle life was evaluate<sup>105</sup> by the number of cycles  
when the battery capacity had deteriorated to 60%  
or less.

10 The cycle life of each battery with respect  
to the cycle life of the battery according to Comparative  
Example 1-1 which was made to be 1 was as shown in  
Table 2.

As can be understood from the results of  
15 comparisons made between Examples 2-1 to 2-5 and  
Comparative Example 2-1, the cycle life can considerably  
be lengthened due to use of the negative pole comprising  
the lithium foil covered with the polymer of the  
derivative of the aromatic hydrocarbon compound  
20 according to the present invention.



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Table 2

	Manufactured Lithium Battery	Cycle Life of Example / Cycle Life of Comparative Example
5	Comparative Example 2-1	1.0
	Example 2-1	3.0
	Example 2-2	1.5
	Example 2-3	2.0
	Example 2-4	3.0
10	Example 2-5	3.5
	Example 2-6	3.7

Example 3-1

A flat battery which had a simple structure,  
15 which could be assembled simply and which had a cross-sectional shape schematically shown in Fig. 2 was assembled to evaluate the characteristics of the secondary battery while evaluating the cycle life. -/

First, a titanium mesh collector 200 was pressed  
20 from the reverse side of the lithium metal foil in an atmosphere of dry argon gas. Then, the lithium metal foil was immersed in a dioxane solution of tetrabutoxytitanium, followed by drying it so that the lithium pole 201 having a film formed as described  
25 above was manufactured.

The positive pole activating material 203 was prepared in such a manner that a mixture of a

1 dehydrated and electrolyzed manganese dioxide and  
a lithium carbonate were heated so that a lithium-  
manganese composite oxide was prepared. Then,  
tetrafluoroethylene polymer powder was mixed, and  
5 then it was pressed against a titanium mesh, as to  
be formed as designed. i

The electrolytic solution was prepared in  
such a manner that arsenate hexafluoride lithium salt  
was, by 1 M (mol/l), AD  
10 mixture solvent of propylene carbonate (PC) and  
dimethoxyethane (DME).

The separator 208 was manufactured in such  
a manner that a propylene separator having small  
apertures was sandwiched by unwoven polypropylene  
15 sheets.

#### Comparative Example 3-1

A battery similar to that according to Example  
3-1 was manufactured except that the metal lithium  
foil surface treatment was omitted.

#### 20 Comparative Example 3-2

A battery similar to that according to Example  
3-1 was manufactured.

The preparation of materials and assembling  
of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of  
25 dry argon similarly to Example 3-1. A solution in  
which peroxide benzoyl was added to a hexane solution  
of Tirano Coat (polytitanocarbosilane) manufactured

- 1 by Ube Kosan was applied to a lithium metal foil to  
which a titan mesh collector was pressed, followed  
by drying it. Then, it was heated to 80°C, and then  
heated to 150°C so that a lithium pole having a Tirano  
5 Coat film formed thereon was manufactured.

Then, similar processes to those according  
to Example 3-1 were performed so that the lithium  
secondary battery was manufactured.

Example 3-3

- 10 A battery similar to that according to Example  
3-1 was manufactured.

The preparation of materials and assembling  
of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of  
dry argon similarly to Example 3-1.

- 15 First, 2, 4, 6-trimethyl-tris (3, 3, 3-  
trifluoropropyl)cyclotrisiloxane was heated to 76°C  
in an argon gas. Then, calcium silate catalyzer was  
added and polymerization was performed so that a polymer  
was obtained. Then, peroxide benzoyl was added to  
20 the polymer, and then a lithium metal foil to which  
the stainless steel mesh collector was pressed was  
immersed in the solution, and rayed from the solution.  
Then, heat treatment at 100°C was performed so that  
a lithium pole having a polysiloxane film formed thereon  
25 was manufactured.

Then, similar processes to those according  
to Example 3-1 were performed so that the lithium

1 secondary battery was manufactured.

Example 3-4

A battery similar to that according to Example 3-1 was manufactured.

5 The preparation of materials and assembling of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of dry argon similarly to Example 3-1.

First, azobisisobutyronitrile was added to *n/i/e* tetramethyldivinylidisiloxane, and then a lithium metal  
10 foil to which a stainless steel mesh collector was pressed was immersed, followed by raising it. Then, ultraviolet rays were applied so that a lithium pole covered with the polysiloxane film was manufactured.

Then, similar processes to those according  
15 to Example 3-1 were performed so that the lithium secondary battery was manufactured.

Example 3-5

A battery similar to that according to Example 3-1 was manufactured.

20 The preparation of materials and assembling of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of dry argon similarly to Example 3-1.

A lithium secondary battery was manufactured similarly to Example 3-2 except that lithium was  
25 immersed in a solution in which arsenate hexafluoride lithium salt was added to a solution in which peroxide benzoyl was added to a hexane solution of Tirano Coat

- 1 (polytitanocarbosilane) manufactured by Ube Kosan.

Evaluation of Performance of Lithium Secondary Battery

- The performance of lithium secondary batteries according to Examples 3-1 to 3-5 and Comparative Example 3-1 was evaluated. The evaluation was performed by a charge and discharge cycle test under the following conditions with respect to the cycle life of the batteries according to Comparative Example 2-1. The conditions for the cycle test were made as follows:
- 10 the charge and discharge was performed by 0.2C (electric current which was 0.2 times capacity/time), pause for 30 minutes and a cut-off voltage of 1.0V was applied. A charging/discharging apparatus HJ-101M6 manufactured by Hokuto Electric was used. The charge/discharge
- 15 test was commenced at discharge, the battery capacity was evaluated<sup>65</sup> the quantity of the third discharge and the cycle life was evaluate<sup>d</sup> by the number of cycles when the battery capacity had deteriorated to 60% or less.
- 20 The cycle life of each battery with respect to the cycle life of the battery according to Comparative Example 1-1 which was made to be 1 was as shown in Table 3.

- As can be understood from the results of
- 25 comparisons made between Examples 3-1 to 3-5 and Comparative Example 3-1, the cycle life can considerably be lengthened due to use of the negative pole comprising

1 the lithium foil covered with the organic metal compound  
according to the present invention.

Table 3

5	Manufactured Lithium Battery	Cycle Life of Example / Cycle Life of Comparative Example
	Comparative Example 3-1	1.0
	Example 3-1	3.0
	Example 3-2	2.5
10	Example 3-3	1.5
	Example 3-4	2.0
	Example 3-5	3.0

Example 4-1

15 A flat battery which had a simple structure,  
which could be assembled simply and which had a cross  
sectional shape schematically shown in Fig. 2 was  
assembled to evaluate the characteristics of the  
secondary battery while evaluating the cycle life.

20 First, a titanium mesh collector 200 was pressed  
against the lithium metal foil from the reverse side  
in an atmosphere of dry argon. Then, the lithium  
metal foil was immersed in a teflon AF solution which  
was a copolymer of tetrafluoroethylene and 2, 2-  
25 bistrifluoromethyl - 4, 5 - difluoro-1, 3 - dioxysol  
and which was manufactured by Dupont, followed by

bring the lithium metal foil. As a result, the lithium

1 negative pole 201 covered with amorphous fluororesin  
was manufactured. The positive pole activating material  
203 comprised a lithium-manganese composite oxide  
prepared by heating a mixture of dehydrated and  
5 electrolyzed manganese dioxide and lithium carbonate  
and a mixture of graphite. Then, tetrafluoroethylene  
polymer powder was mixed, and pressed against the  
titanium mesh as to be formed as designed. The  
electrolytic solution was prepared by dissolving,  
10 by 1 M (mol/l), arsenate hexafluoride lithium salt  
in an equal quantity mixture solvent of propylene  
carbonate (PC) and dimethoxyethane (DME). The separator  
208 was manufactured in such a manner that a propylene  
separator having small apertures was sandwiched by  
15 unwoven polypropylene sheets. The battery was assembled  
in such a manner that the separator 208 was held  
between the negative pole 201 and the positive pole  
203, followed by inserting them into a positive pole  
case 207 made of titanium clad stainless steel, followed  
20 by injecting the electrolytic solution. Then, the  
negative pole cap 206 made of the titanium clad  
stainless steel and the insulating packing 210 made  
of fluorine rubber were used for sealing so that the  
lithium secondary battery was manufactured.

25 Comparative Example 4-1

A lithium secondary battery was manufactured  
under the same conditions as those according to Example

1 4-1 except that the metal lithium foil surface covering  
was omitted.

Example 4-2

A battery similar to that according to Example  
5 4-1 was manufactured.

The preparation of materials and assembling  
of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of  
dry argon similarly to Example 4-1. The lithium metal  
foil to which a titanium mesh collector was pressed  
10 was inserted into a chamber of a sputtering apparatus,  
and then retained gas was exhausted to a vacuum level  
of  $5 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr. Then, argon gas was allowed to  
flow to control the internal pressure to  $3 \times 10^{-3}$   
Torr, followed by performing RF discharge to generate  
15 plasma for use in sputtering using Neoflon PFA which  
was a copolymer of tetrafluoroethylene and perfluoro-  
alkylvinyl ether and manufactured by Daikin as a target.  
As a result, a lithium pole having a film formed thereon  
was manufactured. Then, similar processes to those  
20 according to Example 4-1 were performed so that the  
lithium secondary battery was manufactured.

Example 4-3

A battery similar to that according to Example  
2-1 was manufactured.

25 The preparation of materials and assembling  
of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of  
dry argon similarly to Example 4-1. The lithium metal



1 foil to which a stainless steel mesh collector was  
pressed was inserted into a chamber of an RF (Radio  
Frequency) plasma CVD apparatus, and then the retained  
gas was exhausted to realize a vacuum level of  $2 \times$   
5  $10^{-6}$  Torr. Then, vinylidene fluoride was introduced  
into the chamber, and isobutyl vinyl ether was  
introduced into the chamber while using hydrogen gas  
as the carrier gas. While controlling the internal  
pressure to 1 Torr, RF discharge was caused to take  
10 place so that a plasma polymer film was formed on  
the surface of lithium. Then, similar processes to  
those according to Example 4-1 were performed so that  
the lithium secondary battery was manufactured.

Example 4-4

15 A battery similar to that according to Example  
4-1 was manufactured.

The preparation of materials and assembling  
of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of  
dry argon similarly to Example 4-1. A lithium secondary  
20 battery was manufactured similarly to Example 4-1  
except that the titanium mesh collector was pressed  
from the reverse side, and then it was immersed in  
a xylene solution of Lumiflon which was a copolymer  
of tetrafluoroethylene and non-fluorine-type vinyl  
25 ether, which was manufactured by Asahi Glass and to  
which isocyanate and graphite powder were added. Then,  
it was dried at  $140^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 10 minutes so that the lithium

1 pole covered with the amorphous fluoro-resin was  
manufactured.

Example 4-5

A battery similar to that according to Example  
5 4-1 was manufactured.

The preparation of materials and assembling  
of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of  
dry argon similarly to Example 4-1. First, coating  
fluoro-resin was prepared. An automatic crepe having  
10 a stirring machine received 200 parts of pure water,  
40 parts of vinyl fluoride, 60 parts of ethylvinyl  
ether, 0.6 parts of perfluorocarboxylic acid, 0.2  
parts of persulfuric ammonium and 3 parts of water.  
Then, the solution was heated to 46°C while maintaining  
15 the pressure at 42.5 atmosphere to perform polymerization  
for 8 hours. An obtained polymer was cleaned with  
hot methanol, followed by drying it. Then, it was  
dissolved in tetrahydrofuran dehydrated sufficiently,  
followed by adding peroxide benzoyl. Then, the lithium  
20 metal foil to which a stainless steel mesh collector  
was pressed was immersed followed by raising it. Then,  
it was heated to 100°C so that a lithium pole covered  
with fluoro-resin was manufactured.

Then, similar processes to those according  
25 to Example 4-1 were performed so that the lithium  
secondary battery was manufactured.

1 Example 4-6

A battery similar to that according to Example 2-1 was manufactured.

First, a lithium pole was manufactured. The  
5 lithium metal foil to which a stainless steel mesh collector was pressed was injected into a vacuum chamber of a parallel and flat type plasma CVD apparatus to which a 13.56 MHz high frequency power source was connected in such a manner that it was placed perpen-  
10 dicular to the parallel and flat electrode. Then, retained gas was exhausted to realize a vacuum level of  $10^{-5}$  Torr. Then, 10 sccm of tetrafluoroethylene, 2 sccm of ethylene, 2 sccm of hydrogen, 1 sccm of helium and 1 sccm of oxygen were introduced into the  
15 vacuum chamber, which was a reaction chamber, and then the internal pressure was maintained at 0.8 Torr. Then, 200 watts of high frequency power was supplied to the parallel and flat electrode so that a plasma polymer film of the fluoro-resin was formed on the  
20 surface of lithium. By using the lithium pole covered with the fluoro-resin prepared by the foregoing method,  
so that a lithium secondary battery was manufactured by the similar processes to those according to Example 4-1.

25 Evaluation of Performance of Lithium Secondary Battery

The performance of lithium secondary batteries according to Examples 4-1 to 4-6 and Comparative Example

1 4-1 was evaluated. The evaluation was performed by  
a charge and discharge cycle test under the following  
conditions with respect to the cycle life of the  
batteries according to Comparative Example 4-1. The  
5 conditions for the cycle test were made as follows:  
the charge and discharge was performed by 0.2C (electric  
current which was 0.2 times capacity/time), pause  
for 30 minutes and a cut-off voltage of 1.0V was applied.  
A charging/discharging apparatus HJ-101M6 manufactured  
10 by Hokuto Electric was used. The charge/discharge  
test was commenced at discharge, the battery capacity  
was evaluated the quantity of the third discharge and  
the cycle life was evaluate<sup>d</sup> by the number of cycles  
when the battery capacity had deteriorated to 60%  
15 or less.

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The cycle life of each battery with respect  
to the cycle life of the battery according to Comparative  
Example 4-1 which was made to be 1 was as shown in  
Table 4.

20 As can be understood from the results of  
comparisons made between Examples 4-1 to 4-6 and  
Comparative Example 4-1, the cycle life can considerably  
be lengthened due to use of the negative pole comprising  
the lithium foil covered with the fluororesin having  
25 the ether bond according to the present invention.

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Table 4

	Manufactured Lithium Battery	Cycle Life of Example / Cycle Life of Comparative Example 4-1
5	Comparative Example 4-1	1.0
	Example 4-1	3.5
	Example 4-2	1.5
	Example 4-3	2.0
	Example 4-4	3.0
10	Example 4-5	2.5
	Example 4-6	1.5

Example 5-1

A flat battery which had a simple structure,  
15 which could be assembled simply and which had a cross,  
sectional shape schematically shown in Fig. 2 was  
assembled to evaluate the characteristics of the  
secondary battery while evaluating the cycle life.

In an atmosphere of dried argon gas, the  
20 titanium mesh collecting pole 200 was pressed to the  
reverse side of the lithium metal foil. Then, the  
lithium metal foil was immersed in a tetrahydrofuran  
solution of Cryptofix 222 B Polymer which was a large  
ring compound polymer and which was manufactured by  
25 E. Merch. Then, it was dried and then heated to  
150°C so that a lithium pole 201 covered with the  
large ring compound polymer was manufactured.

1           The positive pole activating material comprised  
a lithium-manganese composite oxide prepared by heat  
treatment applied to a mixture of dehydrated and  
electrolyzed manganese dioxide and lithium carbonate  
5 and a mixture of graphite. Then, tetrafluoroethylene  
polymer was mixed, and then pressed against the  
stainless steel mesh, as to be formed as designed.

so  
10           The separator 208 was manufactured in such  
a manner that a propylene separator having small  
apertures was sandwiched by unwoven polypropylene  
sheets.

20           The electrolytic solution was prepared by  
dissolving, by 1 M (mol/l), arsenate hexafluoride  
lithium salt in an equal quantity mixture solvent  
15 of propylene carbonate (PC) and dimethoxyethane (DME).

Assembling of the battery were performed  
similarly to Example 1-1.

#### Comparative Example 5-1

20           A lithium secondary battery was manufactured  
similarly to Example 5-1 except that the metal lithium  
foil surface covering was omitted.

#### Example 5-2

A battery similar to that according to Example  
5-1 was manufactured.

25           The preparation of materials and assembling  
of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of  
dry argon similarly to Example 2-1. A lithium metal

1 foil, to which a titanium mesh collector was pressed,  
was placed in acetonyl solution in which 0.1 M of  
a monomer of benzo-15-crown-5 and 0.2 M of boron  
tetrafluoride tetrabutylammonium salt, as to be electro-  
5 lyzed and polymerized with a voltage level of 3 V  
while using a platinum electrode as the cathode  
electrode. As a result, a lithium pole having a large  
ring compound polymer film formed thereon was  
manufactured.

10 Then, similar processes to those according  
to Example 5-1 were performed so that the lithium  
secondary battery was manufactured.

#### Example 5-3

A battery similar to that according to Example  
15 5-1 was manufactured.

The preparation of materials and assembling  
of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of  
dry argon similarly to Example 5-1. First, (+) -  
18 - crown - 6 - tetracarboxylic acid (0.4 mol), 1,  
20 4 - butanediol (0.8 mol), tetratitanate - n - butylester  
(0.08 g) and butylhydroxytinoxide (0.03 g) were mixed.  
Then, the temperature was maintained at 220°C, and  
distillation was performed for 60 minutes to remove  
products such as water. Then, the product and titanate  
25 tetra-n-butylester (0.02 g) were injected into an  
automatic crepe, and the pressure was lowered and  
heating to 250°C was performed for 22 hours so that

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1 a polymer was obtained.

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Tolenediisocyanate was added to the thus-  
obtained polymer, and then the lithium metal foil,  
to which a titanium mesh collector was pressed, was  
immersed. Then, the lithium metal foil was raised,  
and then it was heated, and dried at 80°C so that  
the surface of the lithium foil was covered with a  
large ring compound polymer.

Then, similar processes to those according  
10 to Example 5-1 were performed so that the lithium  
secondary battery was manufactured.

Example 5-4

A battery similar to that according to Example  
2-1 was manufactured.

15 The preparation of materials and assembling  
of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of  
dry argon similarly to Example 5-1. A lithium metal  
foil, to which a titanium steel mesh collector was  
pressed, was immersed in a toluene solution of 3, 3'-  
20 dibenzyl - 1, 4, 8, 11 - tetraoxacyclotetradecan<sup>c</sup> to  
which azobisisobutylnitryl and arsenate hexafluoride  
lithium salt were added. Then, the lithium metal  
was raised from the solution, and then ultraviolet  
rays were applied to crosslinking so that the surface  
25 of the lithium metal foil was covered.

Then, similar processes to those according  
to Example 5-1 were performed so that the lithium

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1 secondary battery was manufactured.

### Example 5-5

A battery similar to that according to Example 2-1 was manufactured.

5           The preparation of materials and assembling  
of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of  
dry argon similarly to Example 5-1. Styrene and 4,  
7, 13, 16, 21, 24 - hexaoxa - 1, 10-diazobicyclo [8.8.8]  
hexa~~oxa~~<sup>g</sup>~~an~~<sup>c</sup> were dissolved in a tetrahydrofuran solution  
10 of naphthalene degasified and dehydrated sufficiently.  
Then, graphite powder was mixed. The lithium metal  
foil, to which a titanium mesh collector was pressed,  
was immersed to perform polymerization reaction,  
followed by drying<sup>A</sup> as to be hardened. As a result,  
15 the surface of lithium was covered with a large ring  
compound polymer.

Then, similar processes to those according to Example 5-1 were performed so that the lithium secondary battery was manufactured.

20 Example 5-6

A battery similar to that according to Example 5-1 was manufactured.

The preparation of materials and assembling of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of dry air.

A porous nickel sheet manufactured by Osaka Gas was dehydrated and dried as to be used as an anode,

1 while a platinum electrode was used as a cathode so  
that electrolytic polymerization was performed in  
an acetonitrile solution in which 0.1 M of benzo-18-  
crown-6 and 0.2 M of boron tetrafluoride tetrabutylam-  
5 monia salt were dissolved. As a result, a porous  
nickel sheet covered with a crown ether polymer was  
manufactured. Then, an electrolytic solution was  
prepared in such a manner that 1M of boron tetrafluoride  
lithium salt was dissolved in an equal-quantity mixture  
10 solvent of propylene carbonate and dimethoxyethane.  
An obtained porous nickel sheet thus covered was used  
as a cathode and lithium metal was used as an anode.  
Then, lithium was inserted between the porous nickel  
sheet cover and the nickel as to be allowed to adhere  
15 so that the negative pole 203 was formed.

Then, similar processes to those according  
to Example 5-1 were performed so that the lithium  
secondary battery was manufactured.

#### Example 5-7

20 A nickel-zinc battery having a similar  
structure as that of the battery according to Example  
5-1 was manufactured.

First, paste was prepared by mixing polyvinyl  
alcohol, phthalocyanine zinc, zinc oxide powder, zinc  
25 powder, formaldehyde, formic acid and water. The  
paste was applied to a nickel mesh and heated so that  
the negative pole 201 was manufactured.

1           Then, paste obtained by mixing nickel powder,  
cobalt powder, carboxylic cellulose serving as a bonding  
material, ethylene glycol and water with nickel  
hydroxide was injected into foamed nickel (Celmet)  
5   manufactured by Sumitomo Denko. Then, it was dried  
and pressed so that a positive pole 203 was formed.

          The separator 208 was formed in such a manner  
that a polyamide film subjected to hydrophilic treatment  
and having small apertures was sandwiched by unwoven  
10 polyamide sheets. The electrolytic solution was a  
30 wt% potassium hydroxide solution. The assembly  
was performed similarly to Example 5-1 so that a nickel-  
zinc secondary battery was manufactured.

Comparative Example 5-2

15           A nickel-zinc secondary battery was manufactured  
except that the negative pole 201 was formed by applying  
paste obtained by mixing zinc oxide powder, zinc powder,  
polyvinyl alcohol and ethylene glycol to the nickel  
mesh followed by drying.

20   Example 5-8

          A battery having a structure similar to that  
according to Example 5-1 was manufactured. However,  
a positive pole case having small apertures for receiving  
oxygen in air was used.

25           The negative pole 201 was manufactured in  
such a manner that paste was applied to a nickel mesh  
followed by heating to dry the negative pole 201,

1 the paste being obtained by mixing zinc oxide powder,  
zinc powder, polyacrylamide, water, formaldehyde,  
lithium hydroxide and phthalocyanine zinc.

5 The positive pole 203 was formed in such a  
manner that a positive catalyzer layer was formed  
by adding manganese dioxide to active carbon, and  
a water/repellant film made of polytetrafluoroethylene  
and cellulose dispersed paper were stacked on the  
positive catalyzer layer.

10 The separator 209 comprised a cellophane film  
and the electrolytic solution comprised 30 wt% solution  
of potassium hydroxide.

Assembling was performed in such a manner  
that the separator 208 was held between the negative  
15 pole 201 and the positive pole 203, and they were  
inserted into the positive pole case 207 having small  
apertures for receiving oxygen in air and made of  
titanium clad stainless steel. Then, the electrolytic  
solution was injected and sealing was performed by  
20 using the negative pole cap 206 made of titanium clad  
stainless steel and the insulating packing made of  
fluorine rubber. As a result, an air-zinc secondary  
battery was manufactured.

#### Comparative Example 5-3

25 An air-zinc secondary battery was manufactured  
similarly to Example 5-8 except that the negative  
pole according to Comparative Example 5-2 was used.

1 Evaluation of Performance of Lithium Secondary Battery

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The performance of lithium secondary batteries according to Examples 5-1 to 5-5 and Comparative Example 5-1 was evaluated. The evaluation was performed by  
5 a charge and discharge cycle test under the following conditions with respect to the cycle life of the batteries according to Comparative Example 1. The conditions for the cycle test were made as follows: the charge and discharge was performed by 0.2C (electric  
10 current which was 0.2 times capacity/time), pause for 30 minutes and a cut-off voltage of 1.0V was applied. A charging/discharging apparatus HJ-101M6 manufactured by Hokuto Electric was used. The charge/discharge test was commenced at discharge, the battery capacity  
15 was evaluated the quantity of the third discharge and the cycle life was evaluated by the number of cycles when the battery capacity had deteriorated to 60% or less.

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The cycle life of each battery with respect  
20 to the cycle life of the battery according to Comparative Example 5-1 which was made to be 1 was as shown in Table 2.

As can be understood from the results of comparisons made between Examples 5-1 to 5-6 and  
25 Comparative Example 2-1 and those between Example 5-7 and Comparative Example 5-3, the cycle life can considerably be lengthened due to use of the negative

1 pole comprising the lithium or zinc covered with the large ring compound polymer according to the present invention.

Table 5

5	Lithium Battery Manufactured		Cycle Life of Example / Cycle Life of Comparative Example
	Example	Comparative Example	
10	Example 5-1	Comparative Example 5-1	3.0
	Example 5-2	Comparative Example 5-1	2.5
	Example 5-3	Comparative Example 5-1	3.5
	Example 5-4	Comparative Example 5-1	4.0
15	Example 5-5	Comparative Example 5-1	3.0
	Example 5-6	Comparative Example 5-1	4.2
	Example 5-7	Comparative Example 5-2	2.8
20	Example 5-8	Comparative Example 5-2	2.7

Example 6-1

A flat battery which had a simple structure, which could be assembled simply and which had a cross-sectional shape schematically shown in Fig. 2 was assembled to evaluate the characteristics of the secondary battery while evaluating the cycle life.

1 First, the titanium collector 200 was pressed against  
the reverse side of the lithium metal foil in an  
atmosphere of dry argon gas, and then the lithium  
metal foil was immersed in a toluene solution PPZ-U1001  
5 manufactured by Idemitsu. Then, it was previously  
dried, and ultraviolet rays were applied so that the  
lithium pole 201 covered with phosphazene was  
manufactured.

The positive pole active material 204 was  
10 prepared in such a manner that a lithium-manganese  
composite oxide was prepared by heating a mixture  
of dehydrated and electrolyzed manganese dioxide and  
lithium carbonate. Then, tetrafluoroethylene polymer  
powder was mixed followed by pressing to a titanium  
15 mesh, as to be formed as designed.

The electrolytic solution was prepared by  
dissolving, by 1 M (mol/l), arsenate hexafluoride  
lithium salt in an equal quantity mixture solvent  
of propylene carbonate (PC) and dimethoxyethane (DME).

20 The separator 208 was manufactured in such a manner  
that a propylene separator having small apertures  
was sandwiched by unwoven polypropylene sheets.

#### Comparative Example 6-1

A lithium secondary battery was manufactured  
25 similarly to Example 6-1 except that the surface  
covering of the metal lithium foil was omitted.

1 Comparative Example 6-2

A battery similar to that according to Example 6-1 was manufactured. The preparation of materials and assembling of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of dry argon similarly to Example 6-1. First, hexachlorotriphosphazene was repeatedly degasified, melted and solidified, and then it was heated to 250°C as to be polymerized so that polydichlorophosphazene was obtained. Then, a tetrahydrofuran solution of aniline was added to a benzene solution of polychlorophosphazene, followed by heating and refluxed. Then, the solution was allowed to stand to remove aniline hydrochloride by filtering followed by again sedimented it and drying it. Then, it was again dissolved in tetrahydrofuran so that a solution of poly [bis (phenylamino)phosphazene] was prepared. Then, the foregoing solution was applied to the lithium metal foil, to which a titanium mesh collector was pressed, followed by drying the solution. Then, ultraviolet rays were applied so that a lithium pole covered with polyphosphazene was manufactured. Then, similar processes to those according to Example 6-1 were performed so that the lithium secondary battery was manufactured.

25 Example 6-3

A battery similar to that according to Example 5-1 was manufactured. The preparation of materials



1 and assembling of the battery were performed in an  
atmosphere of dry argon similarly to Example 6-1.  
First, a benzene solution of polydichlorophosphazene  
was, while being stirred, slowly dropped in a  
5 tetrahydrofuran solution of sodium alkoxide of  
trifluoroethanol, followed by heating and refluxing  
it. Then, it was neutralized, filtered, cleaned with  
water and ethyl alcohol, and again sedimented with  
acetone and water, followed by drying. As a result,  
10 polybis (trifluoroethoxy) phosphazene was obtained.  
The acetone solution of the polyfluorokoxyphosphazene  
was applied to the lithium metal foil, to which a  
stainless steel mesh collector was pressed. Then,  
it was dried<sup>(7)</sup> and then irradiated with electron beams  
15 so that a lithium pole covered with polyphosphazene  
was manufactured. Then, similar processes to those  
according to Example 6-1 were performed so that the  
lithium secondary battery was manufactured.

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Example 6-4

20 A battery similar to that according to Example  
5-1 was manufactured. The preparation of materials  
and assembling of the battery were performed in an  
atmosphere of dry argon similarly to Example 6-1.  
First, sodium alkoxide of naphthalene ethanol was,  
25 in dioxane, prepared from naphthalene ethanol and  
sodium hydroxide. Then, tetra-n-butyl ammonia bromide  
was added to the sodium alkoxide, and then a dioxane

1 solution of polydichlorophosphazene was added while  
being dripped. The thus-obtained mixed was subjected  
to a heating reactions at 80°C, and the solvent was  
somewhat removed. Then, it was again sedimented with  
5 tetrahydrofuran and water, and then it was refined,  
followed by Soxhlet-extracting it. As a result,  
polydiphenoxyphosphazene was obtained. Then,  
azoisobutyronitrile was added to a tetrahydrofuran  
solution of the obtained polymer. Then, the lithium  
10 metal foil, to which a stainless steel mesh collector  
was pressed, was immersed and raised from it followed  
by drying it and subjecting to a heat treatment set  
to 80°C. As a result, a lithium pole covered with  
polyphosphazene was manufactured. Then, similar  
15 processes to those according to Example 6-1 were  
performed so that the lithium secondary battery was  
manufactured.

Example 6-5

A battery similar to that according to Example  
20 5-1 was manufactured. The preparation of materials  
and assembling of the battery were performed in an  
atmosphere of dry argon similarly to Example 6-1.  
A lithium secondary battery was manufactured similarly  
to Example 6-1 except that arsenate hexafluoride lithium  
25 salt was added to a toluene solution of PPZ-U1001  
manufactured by Idemitsu, and then lithium was immersed  
in the thus-prepared solution.

1 Evaluation of Performance of Lithium Secondary Battery

The performance of lithium secondary batteries according to Examples 6-1 to 6-5 and Comparative Example 6-1 was evaluated. The evaluation was performed by  
5 a charge and discharge cycle test under the following conditions with respect to the cycle life of the batteries according to Comparative Example 6-1. The conditions for the cycle test were made as follows: the charge and discharge was performed by 0.2C (electric  
10 current which was 0.2 times capacity/time), pause for 30 minutes and a cut-off voltage of 1.0V was applied. A charging/discharging apparatus HJ-101M6 manufactured by Hokuto Electric was used. The charge/discharge test was commenced at discharge, the battery capacity  
15 was evaluate<sup>(1.5)</sup> the quantity of the third discharge and the cycle life was evaluate<sup>(1.5)</sup> by the number of cycles when the battery capacity had deteriorated to 60% or less. The cycle life of each battery with respect to the cycle life of the battery according to Comparative  
20 Example 6-1 which was made to be 1 was as shown in Table 6. As can be understood from the results of comparisons made between Examples 6-1 to 6-5 and Comparative Example 6-1, the cycle life can considerably be lengthened due to use of the negative pole comprising  
25 the lithium or zinc covered with the large ring compound polymer according to the present invention.

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Table 6

Manufactured Lithium Battery	Cycle Life of Example / Cycle Life of Comparative Example 2-1
Comparative Example 6-1	1.0
Example 6-1	2.0
Example 6-2	1.5
Example 6-3	2.0
Example 6-4	3.0
Example 6-5	2.5

Example 7-1

A flat battery which had a simple structure, which could be assembled simply and which had a cross sectional shape schematically shown in Fig. 2 was assembled. The preparation of materials and assembling of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of dry argon.

First, the titanium mesh collector 200 having a lead was pressed against the reverse side of the lithium metal foil in an atmosphere of dry argon. Then, it was immersed in a nitromethane solution of acetyl cellulose to which azobisisobutyronitrile and boron tetrafluoride lithium salt. Then, it was dried, and irradiated with ultraviolet rays so that a film was formed. As a result, the lithium negative pole 201 was manufactured.

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1           The positive pole activating material was  
prepared in such a manner that a lithium-manganese  
oxide was prepared by mixing electrolyzed manganese  
dioxide and lithium carbonate at a ratio of 1:0.4  
5 and by heating the mixture at 800°C. Then, ket<sup>h</sup>en  
black and Super Konak, which is a fluoro-resin paint  
manufactured by Nihon Yushi were mixed to the prepared  
lithium-manganese oxide. Then, it was pressed against  
a nickel mesh, as to be formed as designed followed  
10 by performing heat treatment set to 170°C. As a result,  
the positive pole 203 was manufactured.

          The separator 208 was manufactured in such  
a manner that a porous layer-shape alumina film, an  
unwoven polypropylene sheet and polypropylene separator  
15 having small apertures were sandwiched.

          The electrolytic solution was prepared by  
dissolving, by 1 M (mol/l), tetrafluoride borate lithium  
salt in an equal quantity mixture solvent of propylene  
carbonate (PC) and dimethoxyethane (DME).

20           The assembly was performed in such a manner  
that the negative pole 201, the positive pole 203  
and the separator 208 were sandwiched, as to be inserted  
into the positive pole case 207 made of titanium clad  
stainless steel, and then the electrolytic solution  
25 was injected. Then, sealing was performed by the  
negative cap 206 made of the titanium clad stainless  
steel and the insulating packing 210 made of fluorine

1 rubber so that a lithium secondary battery was  
manufactured.

Example 7-2

A battery similar to that according to Example  
5 7-1 and shown in Fig. 2 was manufactured.

The preparation of materials and assembling  
of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of  
dry argon similarly to Example 7-1.

A lithium secondary battery was manufactured  
10 by a method similar to that according to Example 7-1.

First, the titanium mesh collector 200 having  
a lead was pressed against the reverse side of the  
lithium metal foil in an atmosphere of dry argon gas.  
Then, it was immersed in a tetrahydrofuran solution  
15 of a polyethylene oxide to which peroxide benzoyl  
was added, and then it was dried at 110°C, and ultra-  
violet rays were applied so that a film was formed.  
As a result, the lithium negative pole 201 was  
manufactured.

20 The positive pole activating material was  
prepared in such a manner that a lithium-manganese  
oxide was prepared by mixing electrolyzed manganese  
dioxide and lithium carbonate at a ratio of 1:0.4  
and by heating the mixture at 800°C. Then, ket~~chen~~  
25 black and tetrafluoroethylene polymer powder were  
mixed with the prepared lithium-manganese oxide. Then,  
it was pressed against a nickel mesh as to be formed

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1 as designed followed by performing heat treatment  
set to 250°C. As a result, the positive pole 203  
was manufactured.



5 The separator 208 was manufactured by sandwiching  
a unwoven polypropylene sheet and a polypropylene  
separator having small apertures.

The electrolytic solution was prepared by  
dissolving, by 1 M (mol/l), tetrafluoroborate lithium  
salt in a solvent of propylene carbonate (PC).

10 Then, similar processes to those according  
to Example 7-1 were performed so that the lithium  
secondary battery was manufactured.

#### Example 7-3

A battery similar to that according to Example  
15 7-1 and shown in Fig. 2 was manufactured.

The preparation of materials and assembling  
of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of  
dry argon similarly to Example 7-1.

First, the lithium surface film was manufactured  
20 in such a manner that lithium foil to which the nickel  
mesh collector 200 was pressed was placed in a sputtering  
apparatus. Then, a degree of vacuum of  $1.5 \times 10^{-4}$   
pascal <sup>was applied</sup> by lowering the pressure and by degasifying  
the inside of the sputtering apparatus. Then, argon  
25 gas was introduced <sup>at</sup> by 5 sccm, and the internal pressure  
in the film forming chamber was maintained at  $6 \times$   
 $10^{-1}$  pascal to perform sputtering while using polyether

e 1 sulfon<sup>y</sup> as a target so that the lithium negative pole  
201 covered with chitosan having a thickness of 500 Å  
was obtained. *poly ether sulfone*

Then, similar processes to those according  
5 to Example 7-2 were performed so that the lithium  
secondary battery was manufactured.

Example 7-4

(7) *A battery was manufactured similar*  
*Under the same conditions as those according*  
to Example 7-3 *in* ~~except~~ that lithium foil to which the  
10 nickel mesh collector 200 was pressed was placed in  
a sputtering apparatus. Then, a degree of vacuum  
of  $1.5 \times 10^{-4}$  pascal *sucked* by lowering the pressure and  
by degasifying the inside of the sputtering apparatus.

Then, ~~argon gas was introduced~~ *by* 5 sccm, and the internal *at*  
15 pressure in the film forming chamber was maintained  
at  $6 \times 10^{-1}$  pascal to perform sputtering while using  
chitosan as a target so that the lithium negative  
pole 201 covered with chitosan having a thickness  
of 1000 Å was obtained.

20 Then, similar processes to those according  
to Example 7-2 were performed so that the lithium  
secondary battery was manufactured.

Example 7-5

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A flat nickel-zinc secondary battery which  
25 had a simple structure, which could be assembled simply  
and which had a cross<sup>1</sup>sectional shape schematically  
shown in Fig. 2 was manufactured.



1           The negative pole was manufactured in such  
a manner that ethylene tetrafluoride polymer powder  
serving as a bonding material was added to a mixture  
of zinc powder and zinc oxide powder, as to be pressed *AD*  
5 against the two sides of a copper punching metal plate  
so that the negative pole was formed. The negative  
pole was immersed in an acetone-ethylalcohol solution  
of acetyl cellulose to which azobisisobutyronitrile *file*  
was added, and then it was dried and heated to 110°C.  
10 Then, ultraviolet rays were applied so that a film  
was formed. As a result, the zinc negative pole 201  
was manufactured.

          The positive pole 203 was manufactured in  
such a manner that nickel hydroxide was impregnated  
15 in a sintered nickel pole plate and it was covered  
with an acetylcellulose film similarly to the negative  
pole.

          The separator 208 was manufactured in such  
a manner that a hydrophilic unwoven nylon sheet and  
20 a nylon film having small apertures were sandwiched.

          The electrolytic solution comprised 30 wt%  
potassium hydroxide water solution to which lithium  
hydroxide was added.

          The battery was assembled similarly to Example  
25 7-1.

Example 7-6

A flat nickel-zinc secondary battery which

1 had a simple structure, which could be assembled simply  
and which had a cross/sectional shape schematically  
shown in Fig. 2 was manufactured. ←

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⑦ Under the same conditions as those according  
5 to Example 7-5 except that the formed zinc negative  
pole was placed in a sputtering apparatus, and the  
inside pressure was lowered to a degree of vacuum  
of  $1.5 \times 10^{-4}$  pascal by lowering and degasifying the  
inside. Then, argon gas was introduced (by) 5 sccm,  
10 and the internal pressure in the film forming chamber  
was maintained at  $6 \times 10^{-1}$  pascal. Then, sputtering  
was performed while using collagen as a target so  
that a zinc negative pole covered with collagen having  
a thickness of  $1000 \text{ \AA}$  was obtained.

15 The positive pole 203 was manufactured by  
impregnating nickel hydroxide into a sintered nickel  
pole plate.

Then, similar processes to those according  
to Example 2-1 were performed so that the nickel-  
20 zinc secondary battery was manufactured.

In order to evaluate the performance of the  
batteries according to the foregoing Examples, batteries  
according to Comparative Examples were manufactured.

#### Comparative Example 7-1

25 A lithium secondary battery was manufactured  
by a method similar to Example 7-2 except that the  
surface of the metal lithium foil was not covered.

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1 Comparative Example 7-2

A nickel-zinc secondary battery was manufactured by a method similar to Example 7-6 except that the surface of the zinc negative pole was not covered.

5 Evaluation of Performance of Lithium Secondary Battery

The performance of lithium secondary batteries and nickel-zinc secondary batteries according to Examples and Comparative Examples was evaluated. The evaluation was performed by a charge and discharge cycle test  
10 under the following conditions with respect to the cycle life of the batteries according to Comparative Examples.

The conditions for the cycle test were made as follows: the charge and discharge was performed  
15 by 0.2C (electric current which was 0.2 times capacity/time), pause for 30 minutes and a cut-off voltage of 1.0V was applied. A charging/discharging apparatus HJ-101M6 manufactured by Hokuto Electric was used.

7.  
20 The charge/discharge test was commenced at discharge, the battery capacity was ~~evaluate~~<sup>was</sup> the quantity of the third discharge, and the cycle life was evaluated by the number of cycles when the battery capacity had deteriorated to 60% or less.

The cycle life of batteries according to Examples  
25 of the present invention with respect to the cycle life of the batteries according to Comparative Examples which was made to be 1.0 was as shown in Table 7.

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Table 7

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Lithium Battery Manufactured		Cycle Life of Example	Cycle Life of Comparative Example
Example	Comparative Example		
Example 7-1	Comparative Example 7-1	3.6	
Example 7-2	Comparative Example 7-1	1.7	
Example 7-3	Comparative Example 7-1	1.3	
Example 7-4	Comparative Example 7-1	1.6	
Example 7-5	Comparative Example 7-2	1.8	
Example 7-6	Comparative Example 7-2	1.4	

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As can be understood from the results of comparisons made between Examples 7-1 to 7-4 and Comparative Example 7-1 and those between Example 7-5 and Comparative Example 7-2, the cycle life can

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considerably be lengthened due to use of the secondary battery according to the present invention.

#### Example 8

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A battery which had a simple structure, which could be assembled simply and which had a cross sectional shape schematically shown in Fig. 2 was manufactured.

First, an RF (Radio Wave Frequency) discharge plasma processing apparatus having a structure

1 schematically shown in Fig. 6 was used to apply surface  
treatment to a lithium negative pole. In an atmosphere  
of dry argon gas, a nickel mesh collector was pressed  
against the reverse side of the lithium metal foil.

5 In order to protect the surface of lithium, a polyester  
film was interposed at the time of coiling them. The  
coil-shape lithium foil 400 was mounted on a conveyance  
roll 407 of the plasma processing apparatus, and then  
the retained gas was exhausted to realize a degree

10 of vacuum of  $2 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr. Then, 20 sccm of nitrogen  
gas and 10 sccm of argon gas were introduced to a  
plasma processing chamber 405 through a gas introduction  
pipe 406. While controlling the internal pressure  
in the plasma processing chamber to 0.5 Torr, waves

15 having a high frequency of 13.56 MHz were supplied  
by 200 watts to cause discharge to take place. Then,  
a winding roll 408 was used to hold and take up the  
protection film comprising the polyester film so that  
the surface of lithium was plasma-treated. Then,

20 the lithium foil subjected to the plasma treatment  
was cut so that a negative pole was manufactured.

⑦ A\* The protection film to be interposed at the time of  
the winding operation in the plasma process, a separator  
for a battery may be used.

25 The positive pole activating material 203  
was prepared in such a manner that a lithium-manganese  
oxide was prepared by mixing electrolyzed manganese

1 dioxide and lithium carbonate at a ratio of 1:0.4  
and by heating the mixture at 850°C. Then, graphite  
and tetrafluoroethylene polymer powder were mixed  
to the prepared lithium-manganese oxide. Then, it  
5 was pressed against a nickel mesh, as to be formed *so*  
into a desired positive pole.

The electrolytic solution was prepared by  
dissolving, by 1 M (mol/l), tetrafluoride borate lithium *u*  
salt in an equal quantity mixture solvent of propylene  
10 carbonate (PC) and dimethoxyethane (DME).

The separator 208 was manufactured in such  
a manner that a polypropylene separator having small  
apertures was sandwiched by unwoven polypropylene  
sheets.

15 Example 9

A battery similar to that according to Example  
8 and shown in Fig. 2 was manufactured.

The preparation of materials and assembling  
of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of  
20 dry argon similarly to Example 8.

A lithium secondary battery was manufactured  
by a method similar to that according to Example 8.

First, a microwave discharge plasma processing  
apparatus having a structure schematically shown in  
25 Fig. 7 was used to apply surface treatment to a lithium  
negative pole. In an atmosphere of dry argon gas,  
a nickel mesh collector was pressed against the reverse

1 side of the lithium metal foil, and then disposed  
on a sheet processing substrate holder 501 followed  
by injecting them in a load chamber 508 of the  
microwave discharge plasma processing apparatus. Then,  
5 the retained gas in the load chamber 508 was exhausted  
to realize a degree of vacuum of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr. Then,  
a gate valve 509 was opened, and the substrate holder  
was conveyed to the plasma processing chamber 502  
and the gate valve 509 was closed. Then, 10 sccm  
10 of carbon tetrafluoride gas and 5 sccm of hydrogen  
gas were introduced into the plasma processing chamber  
502 through the gas introduction pipe 504. While  
controlling the internal pressure in the plasma proces-  
sing chamber to 0.01 Torr, microwaves having a frequency  
15 of 2.45 GHz were supplied by 100 watts through a wave  
guide pipe 506 and a microwave introduction window  
505 to cause discharge to take place. As a result,  
the surface of lithium was plasma-processed. The  
lithium foil plasma-processed was used as the negative  
20 pole.

Then, similar processes to those according  
to Example 8 were performed so that the lithium  
secondary battery was manufactured.

#### Example 10

25 Under the same conditions as those according  
to Example 9 except that 10 sccm of gas of nitrogen  
trifluoride was, as the lithium surface treatment

- 1 gas, introduced through the gas introduction pipe  
504 in place of the 10 sccm of the carbon tetrafluoride  
gas and the 5 sccm of the hydrogen gas. As a result,  
the surface of lithium was processed similarly to  
5 Example 9. Then, similar processes to those according  
to Example 8 were performed so that the lithium  
secondary battery was manufactured.

Example 11

- Under the same conditions as those according  
10 to Example 8 except that 5 sccm of chlorine trifluoride  
gas, 2 sccm of oxygen gas and 100 sccm of helium gas  
were, as the lithium surface treatment gas, introduced  
through the gas introduction pipe 504 in place of  
the 5 sccm of chlorine trifluoride gas and 2 sccm  
15 of oxygen gas. Then, the surface of lithium was  
processed while omitting discharge.

Then, similar processes to those according  
to Example 8 were performed so that the lithium secondary  
battery was manufactured.

- 20 In order to compare and evaluate the performance  
of the batteries according to the foregoing Examples,  
the following comparative battery was manufactured.

Comparative Example 8

- A lithium secondary battery was manufactured  
25 similarly to Example 8 except that the metal lithium  
foil, to which the nickel mesh was pressed, was, ~~as~~  
~~it is,~~ used as the negative pole.



1 Evaluation of Performance of Secondary Battery

The performance of lithium secondary batteries according to Examples and Comparative Example was evaluated. The evaluation was performed by a charge  
5 and discharge cycle test under the following conditions with respect to the cycle life of the batteries according to Comparative Example.

The conditions for the cycle test were made as follows: the charge and discharge was performed  
10 by 0.2C (electric current which was 0.2 times capacity/time), pause for 30 minutes and a cut-off voltage of 1.0V was applied. A charging/discharging apparatus HJ-101M6 manufactured by Hokuto Electric was used. The charge/discharge test was commenced at discharge,  
15 the battery capacity was evaluated the quantity of the third discharge and the cycle life was evaluated by the number of cycles when the battery capacity had deteriorated to 60% or less.

The cycle life of batteries according to Examples  
20 of the present invention with respect to the cycle life of the battery according to Comparative Example which was made to be 1.0 was as shown in Table 8.

As can be understood from the results of comparisons made between Examples 8 to 11 and Comparative  
25 Example 8, the cycle life can considerably be lengthened due to use of the secondary battery according to the present invention.

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Table 8

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Lithium Battery Manufactured	Cycle Life of Example / Cycle Life of Comparative Example 8
Comparative Example 8	1.0
Example 8	2.5
Example 9	2.0
Example 10	3.0
Example 11	1.7

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#### Example 12

A liquid-rich test cell similar to the apparatus shown in Fig. 1 was used to conduct tests.

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The preparation of materials and assembly of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of dry Ar. Lithium metal foil, to which a titanium collector was pressed, was inserted into the chamber of an RF plasma CVD apparatus. Then, the retained gas was exhausted to realize a degree of vacuum of  $2 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr. Then, tetrafluoroethylene, ethylene, hydrogen, helium and oxygen were introduced into the chamber, and the internal pressure was maintained at 0.8 Torr. Then, high frequency power of 200 watts was supplied to a parallel and flat electrode so that a plasma polymer film of fluoro-resin was formed on the foregoing sample to have a thickness of 100 Å.

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1 Then, acetylene gas was, as raw material gas, introduced  
into the chamber, and the pressure in the chamber  
was controlled to 0.1 Torr, and then RF discharge  
was performed so that a carbon film was formed on  
5 the surface of lithium to have a thickness of 200  
° Å so that a sample negative electrode was manufactured  
(see Fig. 9A).

The positive pole activating material was  
prepared by heating a mixture of dehydrated and  
10 electrolyzed manganese dioxide, lithium carbonate  
and black lead. The lithium-manganese composite oxide  
was mixed with tetrafluoroethylene polymer powder,  
and then it was pressed against titanium mesh to be  
formed into a desired positive pole.

15 The separator was manufactured by sandwiching  
a polypropylene separator having small apertures and  
unwoven polypropylene sheets.

The electrolytic solution was prepared by  
dissolving 1 M of arsenate hexafluoride lithium salt  
20 in an equal-quantity mixture solvent of propylene  
carbonate and dimethoxyethane.

A lithium secondary battery was manufactured  
as shown in Fig. 1.

#### Example 13

25 Under the same conditions as those according  
to Example 12 except that lithium metal foil covered  
with a plasma polymer film of fluorine resin was inserted

1 into the chamber of the RF plasma CVD apparatus. Then,  
the retained gas was exhausted to realize a degree  
of vacuum of  $2 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr. Monosilane gas was, as  
the raw material gas, introduced into the chamber,  
5 and then the pressure in the chamber was controlled  
to 0.1 Torr. Then, RF discharge was performed so  
that an amorphous silicon film was formed on the surface  
of the lithium metal foil to have a thickness of 100  
Å as to be used as a sample pole. A battery similar  
10 to that according to Example 12 was manufactured except  
that the foregoing sample pole was used as the negative  
pole.

Example 14

Petroleum type pitch was spinned by a flow  
15 method, and subjected to heat treatment in an atmosphere  
of inactive gas so that black lead fiber having a  
specific area of  $10 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  was obtained. ~~By heating~~  
the fiber, to completely remove water, and dispersed  
in toluene <sup>was heated</sup> dehydrated by a molecular ~~sieve~~ <sub>30</sub> as to  
20 be applied to the lithium metal foil. Then, the material  
was dried and pressed by a pressing machine so that  
a sample was obtained (comprised a fiber layer having  
a thickness of 50  $\mu\text{m}$ ). Then, a titanium mesh collector  
was pressed against the reverse side of the sample  
25 so that a negative pole was obtained. A battery similar  
to that according to Example 12 was manufactured except  
that the foregoing negative pole was used as the

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1 negative pole.

Example 15

A solution in which Lumifron, which was  
fluororesin paint manufactured by Asahi Glass, and  
5 lithium hexafluoride salt were dissolved was applied  
to the surface of the separator, and then it was pressed.  
A battery similar to that according to Example 12  
was manufactured except that the separator was disposed  
as shown in Fig. 9F.

10 Example 16

A battery was manufactured under the same  
conditions as those according to Example 12 except  
that black lead fiber having a specific area of 10  
m<sup>2</sup>/g or more was paper-made and thus-obtained black  
15 lead paper (having a thickness of 200 μm) was disposed  
between the negative pole and the separator as shown  
in Fig. 9B.

Example 17

The preparation of materials and assembling  
20 of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of  
dry argon. Lithium metal foil, to which a titanium  
mesh collector was pressed, was inserted into the  
chamber of an RF plasma CVD apparatus. Then, the  
retained gas was exhausted to realize a degree of  
25 vacuum of  $2 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr. A hexane solution of  
acetylacetone complex of nickel was used as the material,  
and it was bubbled with hydrogen gas as to be introduced

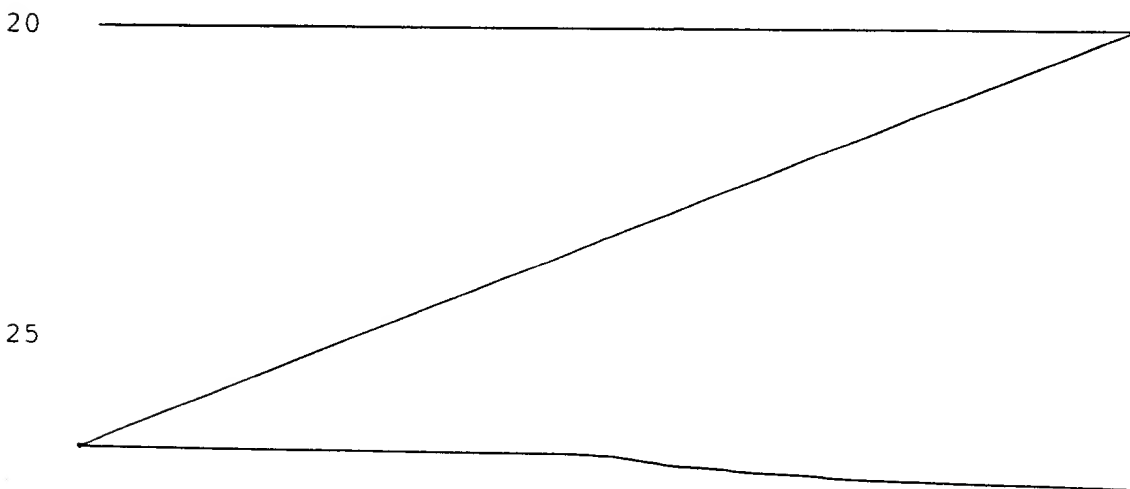
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1 into the chamber. The pressure in the chamber was  
controlled to 1 Torr, and RF discharge was performed  
so that a nickel film was formed on the surface of  
the metal foil to have a thickness of 200 Å as to  
5 ~~be served~~ as a sample pole. A battery was manufactured  
under the same conditions as those according to ~~example~~  
12 except that the foregoing sample pole was used  
as the negative pole.

Example 18

10 RF discharge was performed under the same  
conditions as those according to Example 17 except  
that oxygen gas was used as the material together  
with the hexane solution of acetylacetonate complex  
of nickel. As a result, a nickel oxide film was formed  
15 on the surface of the lithium metal foil to have a  
thickness of 50 Å to serve as a sample pole. A battery  
was manufactured under the same conditions as those  
according to ~~example~~ 12 except that the foregoing  
sample pole was used as the negative pole.



1 Example 19

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The preparation of materials and assembling of the battery were performed in an atmosphere of dry argon. Lithium metal foil, to which a titanium mesh collector was pressed, was inserted into the chamber of the RF plasma CVD apparatus. Then, the retained gas was exhausted to realize a degree of vacuum of  $2 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr. Monosilane gas and ammonia gas were, as raw material gas, introduced into the chamber, and then the pressure in the chamber was controlled to 0.1 Torr to perform RF discharge. As a result, a silicon nitride film was formed on the lithium metal foil to have a thickness of 200 Å ~~as to be~~ serve as a sample pole. A battery was manufactured under the same conditions as those according to ~~example~~ 12 except that the foregoing sample pole was used as a negative pole.

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Example 20

The RF discharge was performed under the same conditions as those according to Example 17 except that methane gas was used as the raw material together with the hexane solution of acetylacetone complex of titanium. As a result, a composite film of titanium and carbon was formed on the surface of the lithium metal foil to have a thickness of 250 Å to serve as a sample pole. A battery was manufactured under the same conditions as those according to ~~example~~ 12

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1 except that the foregoing sample pole was used as the  
negative pole.

Example 21

5 A polypropylene separator was inserted into the  
chamber of the RF plasma CVD apparatus. Then, the  
retained gas was exhausted to realize a degree of  
vacuum of  $2 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr. Acetylene gas was introduced  
into the chamber, and then the pressure in the chamber  
was controlled to 0.1 Torr and RF discharge was  
10 performed. As a result, a carbon film was formed on  
the surface of the separator to have a thickness of  
200 Å. A battery was manufactured under the same  
conditions as those according to ~~example~~ 12 except  
that the foregoing separator was used and disposed as  
15 shown in Fig. 9F.

Example 22

*amorphous*  
*A battery was manufactured*  
20 ~~atmosphere~~ silicon film. *As* A battery was manufactured  
under the same conditions as those according to  
example 12 except that the separator was used and  
disposed as shown in Fig. 9F.

Example 23

25 The preparation of materials and assembling of  
the battery were performed in an atmosphere of dry  
argon. A polypropylene separator was inserted into



1 the chamber of the RF plasma CVD apparatus. Then, the  
retained gas was exhausted to realize a degree of  
vacuum of  $10^{-5}$  Torr. Then, tetrafluoroethylene,  
ethylene,  $H_2$ , helium and oxygen were introduced into  
5 the chamber, and the internal pressure was maintained  
at 0.8 Torr. High frequency power was, by 200 watts,  
supplied to a parallel and flat electrode so that a  
plasma polymer film of fluororesin was formed on the  
separator. Then, acetylene gas was, as the raw  
10 material gas, introduced into the chamber, and the  
internal pressure in the chamber was controlled to  
0.1 Torr to perform RF discharge. As a result, a  
carbon film was formed to have a thickness of 200 Å.  
A battery was manufactured under the same conditions  
15 as those according to ~~Example~~ 12 except that the  
foregoing separator was used and disposed as shown in  
Fig. 9G.

#### Example 24

20 The preparation of materials and assembling of  
the battery were performed in an atmosphere of dry  
argon. A fluororesin film having micropores was  
inserted into the chamber of the RF plasma CVD appa-  
tus. Then, the retained gas was exhausted to realize  
a degree of vacuum of  $2 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr. A hexane  
25 solution of acetylacetone complex of nickel was, as  
the raw material, used <sup>as</sup> to be bubbled with hydrogen  
gas as to be introduced into the chamber. The pressure

1 in the chamber was controlled to 1 Torr to perform RF  
discharge so that a nickel film was formed on the  
surface of the separator to have a thickness of 300 Å.  
A battery was manufactured under the same conditions  
5 as those according to ~~example~~ 12 except that the fore-  
going film was used and disposed as shown in Fig. ~~9C~~. X

Example 25

10 *A battery was manufactured*  
Under the same conditions as those according to  
Example 24 except that monosilane gas was used as the  
raw material gas to form an amorphous silicon film on  
the fluoro-resin film having micropores. *The* battery was  
manufactured under the same conditions as those  
according to ~~example~~ 12 except that the foregoing film  
was used and disposed as shown in Fig. 9C.

15 Example 26

The preparation of materials and assembling of  
the battery were performed in an atmosphere of dry  
argon. Lithium metal foil, to which a titanium mesh  
collector was pressed, was inserted into the chamber of  
20 the RF plasma CVD apparatus. Then, the retained gas  
was exhausted to realize a degree of vacuum of  $2 \times 10^{-6}$   
Torr. Monosilane gas and acetylene gas were, as the  
raw material gas, introduced into the chamber, and then  
the pressure in the chamber was controlled to 0.1 Torr  
25 to perform RF discharge. As a result, the surface of  
the lithium metal foil was covered with silicon carbide  
film having a thickness of 300 Å to serve as a sample

1 pole. A battery was manufactured under the same  
conditions as those according to ~~example~~ 12 except  
that the foregoing sample pole was used as the negative  
pole. E

5 Example 27

The preparation of materials and assembling of  
the battery were performed in an atmosphere of dry  
argon. Lithium metal foil, to which a titanium mesh  
collector was pressed, was inserted into the chamber  
10 of the RF plasma CVD apparatus. Then, the retained  
gas was exhausted to realize a degree of vacuum of  
 $5 \times 10^{-6}$  Torr. Then, Ar gas was allowed to flow to  
make the inside of the chamber to be an inactive  
atmosphere. Then, the pressure in the chamber was  
15 lowered to  $3 \times 10^{-3}$  Torr, and black lead and Si were  
used as the target for use in the RF discharge.  
Sputtering of Si was commenced at the initial stage of  
the discharge and the proportion of black lead  
sputtering was gradually raised so that a composite  
20 layer of carbon and Si was formed on the surface of the  
lithium metal foil to have a thickness of 300 Å to  
serve as a sample pole. A battery was manufactured  
under the same conditions as those according to ~~example~~  
12 except that the foregoing sample pole was used as  
25 the negative pole. E

Example 28

A battery was manufactured under the same

1 conditions as those according to ~~example~~ 27 except  
that black lead, Si and polytetrafluoroethylene were  
used as target and the thus-formed composite film was  
stacked on the surface of the lithium metal foil.

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5 Example 29

The preparation of materials and assembling of  
the battery were performed in an atmosphere of dry  
argon. The sample according to Example 12 was inserted  
into the chamber of the RF plasma CVD apparatus. Then,  
10 the retained gas was exhausted to realize a degree of  
vacuum of  $10^{-5}$  Torr. Then, tetrafluoroethylene,  
ethylene, hydrogen, helium and oxygen were introduced  
into the chamber, and the internal pressure was  
maintained at 0.8 Torr. Then, high frequency power  
15 was, by 200 watts, supplied to a parallel and flat  
electrode to form a plasma polymer film of fluororesin  
on the foregoing sample so that a sample pole was  
obtained. A battery was manufactured under the same  
conditions as those according to ~~example~~ 12 except  
20 that the foregoing sample pole was used as the negative  
pole.

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Example 30

The preparation of materials and assembling of  
the battery were performed in an atmosphere of dry  
25 argon. Lithium metal foil, to which a titanium mesh  
collector was pressed, was inserted into the chamber  
of sputtering apparatus. Then, the retained gas was

1 exhausted to realize a degree of vacuum of  $5 \times 10^{-6}$   
Torr. Ar gas was allowed to flow to make the inside of  
the chamber to be an inactive atmosphere. Then,  
pressure in the chamber was lowered to  $3 \times 10^{-3}$  Torr,  
5 and black lead and  $\text{LiAsF}_6$  were used as the targets to  
perform RF discharge. As a result, carbon and  $\text{LiAsF}_6$   
were formed on the surface of the lithium metal foil  
to have a thickness of 300 Å so that a sample pole was  
obtained. A battery was manufactured under the same  
10 conditions as those according to ~~example~~ 12 except  
that the foregoing sample pole was used as the negative  
pole.

Example 31

The separator according to Example 21 and  
15 covered with carbon was used, and a fluoro-resin film  
having micropores was stacked on the coated carbon as  
shown in Fig. 9H. A battery was manufactured under  
the same conditions as those according to ~~example~~ 12  
except that the foregoing film was used.

20 Example 32

The spiral and cylindrical battery shown in  
Fig. 3 was used in the test, the battery being <sup>a</sup>KR-A  
type battery having a contour of 17.0 mm and 50.5 mm  
high.

25 Paste obtained by, together with ethylene  
glycol, kneading zinc oxide and metal zinc serving as  
the main activating material and polyvinyl alcohol

1 serving as the bonding material was applied to an iron  
plate applied with nickel plating having apertures.  
Then, drying and pressing were performed so that a  
zinc pole plate was obtained.

5 The zinc pole plate was inserted into the  
chamber of the RF plasma CVD apparatus to perform RF  
discharge in such a manner that the proportion of  
tetrafluoroethylene was high in the initial stage of  
the discharge process and the proportions of acetylene  
10 and oxygen were raised in the following stage of the  
discharge process. As a result, a fluororesin film  
having a thickness of 200 Å was formed on the surface  
of the zinc pole plate so that a sample pole was  
obtained.

15 The positive pole plate was manufactured in  
such a manner that paste was obtained by kneading a  
solution in which nickel and cobalt were added to  
nickel hydroxide and carboxydimethyl cellulose serving  
as a bonding material, and water was added to the  
20 kneaded solution. The paste was injected into foamed  
metal (Celmet manufactured by Sumitomo Denko), and it  
was dried and pressed.

A separator (Cell Guard manufactured by  
Cellanese) was used which was manufactured by  
25 integrating a film having small apertures and unwoven  
polypropylene sheet.

The electrolytic solution comprised 30 wt%

1 potassium solution.

Assembly was performed in such a manner that a wound group in which a separator was interposed between the negative pole and the positive pole was  
5 inserted into a battery case made of titanium clad stainless steel. Then, the electrolytic solution was injected, and the negative pole cap made of titanium stainless steel and an insulating packing made of fluorine rubber were inserted and they were caulked so  
10 that a nickel-zinc secondary battery was manufactured.

Example 33

The flat type battery shown in Fig. 2 was used to conduct the test.

Tetrafluoroethylene polymer powder was mixed to  
15 zinc oxide and metal zinc, and then was pressed against a nickel mesh, as to be formed into a zinc pole plate. The zinc negative pole was inserted into, *the*  
chamber of the RF plasma CVD apparatus, and then fluoro-resin having a thickness of 50 Å and carbon  
20 having a thickness of 200 Å were formed on the surface of the zinc pole plate so that a negative pole was formed.

A positive pole catalyzer layer was formed by adding manganese dioxide to active carbon. Then, a  
25 water-repellant film made of polytetrafluoroethylene and dispersed paper made of cellulose were stacked on the positive pole catalyzer layer so that a positive

1 pole was formed. A separator made of cellophane and  
30 wt% potassium hydroxide serving as the electrolytic  
solution were employed.

Assembly was performed in such a manner that a  
5 separator was interposed between the negative pole and  
the positive pole and they were inserted into a battery  
case made of stainless steel and having small aper-  
tures. Then, the electrolytic solution was injected,  
and then a negative pole cap made of titanium clad  
10 stainless steel and an insulating packing made of  
fluorine rubber were used to perform sealing. As a  
result, an air-zinc secondary battery was manufactured.

Comparative Example 12

A battery was manufactured under the same  
15 conditions as those according to example 12 except that  
a negative pole, which comprised lithium metal foil  
having no carbon film, was used.

Comparative Example 13

A battery was manufactured under the same  
20 conditions as those according to example 31 except that  
a negative pole, which comprised a zinc pole plate which  
was not covered with the composite film of the  
fluororesin and carbon, was used.

Comparative Example 14

25 A battery was manufactured under the same  
conditions as those according to example 33 except  
that a negative pole, which comprised a zinc pole plate



1 which was not covered with the composite film of the  
fluororesin and carbon, was used.

The batteries respectively according to  
Examples 12 to 31 and Comparative Example 12 were  
5 charged with a current of 0.2 C to a level of 4.0 V,  
then paused for 30 minutes, and then discharged with a  
current of 0.2 C to a level of 2.8 V. The foregoing  
test was repeated, resulting in as shown in Table 9.

*the (s) being*  
10 The batteries respectively according to  
Examples 32 and 33 and Comparative Examples 13 and 14  
were charged with a current of 0.2 C to 150 %, then  
paused for 30 minutes, and then discharged with a  
current of 0.2 C to 1.0 V.

The results of the cycle life tests of the  
15 respective Examples with respect to Comparative Examples  
are shown in Table 9 while making the cycle life of the  
batteries according to Comparative Examples 12 to 14 to  
be 1. As can be understood from the results shown in  
Table 9, the charge/discharge cycle life can signifi-  
20 cantly be lengthened as compared with Comparative  
Examples when a single layer, a multi-layer or a  
composite layer is disposed between the negative pole  
and the separator, the single layer, the multi-layer  
or the composite layer being the conductor layer made  
25 of carbon or nickel or titanium, the semiconductor  
layer made of silicon or the metal oxide, and the  
insulating layer made of the halide, nitride, carbide

1 or the organic polymer (according to respective Examples).

Table 9

5	Manufactured Secondary Battery		Cycle Life of Example
	Examples	Comparative Examples	Cycle Life of Comparative Example
	Example 12	Comparative Example 12	2.5
	Example 13	Comparative Example 12	2.1
10	Example 14	Comparative Example 12	1.5
	Example 15	Comparative Example 12	1.3
	Example 16	Comparative Example 12	1.3
	Example 17	Comparative Example 12	2.2
	Example 18	Comparative Example 12	2.3
	Example 19	Comparative Example 12	2.0
15	Example 20	Comparative Example 12	2.1
	Example 21	Comparative Example 12	1.6
	Example 22	Comparative Example 12	1.5
	Example 23	Comparative Example 12	1.7
	Example 24	Comparative Example 12	1.5
	Example 25	Comparative Example 12	1.5
20	Example 26	Comparative Example 12	2.2
	Example 27	Comparative Example 12	2.1
	Example 28	Comparative Example 12	2.2
	Example 29	Comparative Example 12	2.0
	Example 30	Comparative Example 12	2.6
	Example 31	Comparative Example 12	1.6
	Example 32	Comparative Example 13	2.2
25	Example 33	Comparative Example 14	2.2

Example 34

A polysiloxane film was formed by the following method.

1           As the film forming compound, 0.05 M (mol/l)  
an amphipathic compound N-[b-(trimethylammonio)  
ethyloxybenzoyl]-didodecyl-L-glutamic acid bromide  
and 0.15 M of trimethoxymethyl silane were processed  
5 with supersonic waves for 3 minutes as to be dispersed  
in water. The dispersion solution was developed on  
a tetrafluoroethylene polymer sheet (Goatex manufactured  
by Japan Goa Tex) and allowed to stand at 25°C and 60%  
relative humidity for 3 days so that a multi-layer  
10 bimolecular film was obtained. The film was treated  
with ammonia gas in a sealed glass container to  
hydrolyze and condense the methoxysilane group. Ethyl  
alcohol was used to extract and remove the amphipathic  
compound so that a polysiloxane film was obtained on  
15 the Goa Tex sheet.

#### Manufacturing of Secondary Battery

A lithium secondary battery which had a simple  
structure, which could be assembled simply and which  
had a cross sectional shape schematically shown in  
20 Fig. 2 was manufactured.

The positive pole activating material 203 was  
prepared in such a manner that electrolyzed manganese  
dioxide and lithium carbonate were mixed at a ratio of  
1:0.4, and then heated at 800°C so that a lithium-  
25 manganese oxide was prepared. Then, graphite and  
tetrafluoroethylene polymer powder were mixed to the  
prepared lithium-manganese oxide, and then pressed

AD 1 against a nickel mesh<sup>1</sup> as to be formed into the positive pole.

Then, silica sol dispersion ethyl alcohol (manufactured by Shokubai Kasei) was mixed in water in 5 which N-[b-(trimethylammonio)ethyloxybenzoyl]-didodecyl-L-glutamic acid bromide, which was the film forming compound, was dispersed. The positive pole was dipped in the foregoing dispersion solution, dried at room temperature, further dried at 80°C, and cleaned with 10 hexane to remove the film forming compound. Then, it was dried at 250°C in a vacuum atmosphere so that the positive pole 203 covered with the multi-layer silica film was manufactured.

In an atmosphere of dry argon gas, titanium 15 mesh collector 200 was pressed against the reverse side of the lithium metal foil, and then the lithium metal foil was immersed in a solution of Lumiflon, which was a copolymer of ethylene tetrafluoride and vinyl ether and which was manufactured by Asahi Glass, and then 20 dried<sup>1</sup> as to be hardened. As a result, the lithium negative pole 201 covered with fluororesin was manufactured.

AD The electrolytic solution was prepared by dissolving, by 1 M (mol/l), boron tetrafluoride 25 lithium salt in an equal quantity mixture solvent of propylene carbonate (PC) and dimethoxyethane (DME).

The separator 208 comprised a composite member

1 of the polysiloxane film prepared as described above  
and the Goa Tex sheet.

Assembly was performed in such a manner that  
the separator 208 was interposed between the negative  
5 pole 201 and the positive pole 203, as to be inserted  
into the positive pole case 207 made of titanium clad  
stainless steel. Then, the electrolytic solution was  
injected, and then the negative pole cap 206 made of  
titanium clad stainless steel and the insulating  
10 packing 210 made of fluorine rubber were used to seal  
so that a lithium secondary battery was manufactured.

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#### Example 35

#### Preparation of Multi-Layer Metal Oxide

A titanium oxide was prepared by the following  
15 method.

A film forming compound, that is,  
dihexadecylphosphate was mixed to a sol dispersed  
solution of very small particles of titanium oxide  
(manufactured by Idemitsu), and dispersed with  
20 ultrasonic waves similarly to Example 34. Then, it was  
developed on a tetrafluoroethylene polymer membrane  
filter. Then, it was dried at room temperature,  
resulting in a cast film to be obtained which was then  
cleaned with ethyl alcohol. Then, it was baked at  
25 300°C so that a titanium oxide film was formed.

The separator 208 was manufactured in such a  
manner that the thus-formed titanium oxide, unwoven

1 polypropylene sheets and a polypropylene separator  
having small apertures were sandwiched.

A battery was manufactured under the same  
conditions as those according to ~~example~~ 34 except *E/for*  
5 foregoing arrangements.

Example 36

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10 A lithium secondary battery was manufactured  
under the same conditions as those according to  
example 35 except that the titanium oxide film was  
immersed in 0.1 % ethylalcohol solution of silane  
coupling SH6020 (manufactured by Toray Dowconing). *(7)*

Example 37

Preparation of Multi-Layer Metal Oxide

*heated*  
15 A cast film obtained similarly to Example 35  
was ~~based~~ at 800°C so that an alumina film was  
manufactured, the cast film being obtained from a film  
forming compound brought into class four from N-(11-  
bromoundecanoyl)-L-glutamic acid didodecylester with  
triethyl amine and amorphous alumina super fine  
20 particle sol.

The N-(11-bromoundecanoyl)-L-glutamic acid  
didodecylester was prepared in such a manner that L-  
glutamic acid didodecylester hydrochloride salt was  
synthesized from L-glutamic acid and dodecylalcohol,  
25 and then the L-glutamic acid didodecylester  
hydrochloride salt, triethylamine, cyanophosphoric  
acid diethyl and 11-bromoundecan acid were used.

1 Assembly of Secondary Battery

5 A nickel-zinc secondary battery which had a simple structure, which could be assembled simply and which had a cross-sectional shape schematically shown in Fig. 2 was manufactured.

The positive pole was manufactured by impregnating nickel hydroxide into a sintered nickel pole plate.

10 The negative pole was formed in such a manner that tetrafluoride ethylene polymer powder serving as the bonding material was added to a mixture of zinc powder and zinc oxide powder and they were pressed against the two sides of a copper punching metal to be formed into the desired shape. Then, alumina  
15 trichloride and phosphoric acid were, in ethyl alcohol, caused to react with each other at 0°C as to dip the negative pole. Then, it was gradually heated up to 100°C so that glass-type aluminum phosphate film was formed on the negative pole.

20 The electrolytic solution comprised 30 wt% potassium hydroxide containing lithium hydroxide added thereto.

The battery was assembled similarly to Example 34.

25 Example 38

A nickel-zinc secondary battery was manufactured under the same conditions as those according

1 to Example 37 except that the surface of the negative  
~~surface~~ was not covered with the aluminum phosphate.

*pole*  
Example 39

5 A nickel-zinc secondary battery was manufac-  
tured under the same conditions as those according to  
Example 37 except that a positive pole manufactured  
as follows was used.

A dispersion solution in which was mixed a  
film forming compound obtained by bringing N-(11-  
10 bromoundecanoyl)-L-glutamic acid didodecylester into  
class four with triethylamine, amorphous alumina very  
small particles sol and polyvinyl alcohol water  
solution containing crosslinking material added thereto  
was developed on the surface of the positive pole  
15 formed by causing a sintered nickel plate to impregnate  
nickel hydroxide, followed by drying the developed  
solution. Then, crosslinking reactions were caused  
to take place at 120°C, and cleared with ethyl alcohol. *n*  
Then, the material was dried in a vacuum atmosphere so  
20 that a positive pole covered with a composite film of  
alumina and polyvinyl alcohol was manufactured.

In order to compare and evaluate the foregoing  
batteries, the following comparative batteries were  
manufactured.

25 Comparative Example 34

A lithium secondary battery was manufactured  
under the same conditions as those according to



1 Example 35 except that no titanium oxide was used and  
the lithium of the negative pole was not covered.

Comparative Example 35

5 A nickel-zinc secondary battery was manufac-  
tured under the same conditions as those according to  
Example 37 except that no alumina was used and zinc  
of the negative pole was not covered.

Evaluation of Performance of Secondary Battery

10 The performance of lithium secondary batteries  
according to Examples and Comparative Examples was  
evaluated. The evaluation was performed by a charge  
and discharge cycle test under the following condi-  
tions with respect to the cycle life of the batteries  
according to Comparative Examples.

15 The conditions for the cycle test were made as  
follows: the charge and discharge was performed by  
0.2C (electric current which was 0.2 times capacity/  
time), pause for 30 minutes and a cut-off voltage of  
1.0V was applied. A charging/discharging apparatus  
20 HJ-101M6 manufactured by Hokuto Electric was used.  
The charge/discharge test was commenced at discharge,  
the battery capacity was <sup>195</sup>evaluate~~d~~ the quantity of the  
third discharge and the cycle life was evaluate~~d~~ by  
the number of cycles when the battery capacity had  
25 deteriorated to 60% or less.

The cycle life of each battery with respect to  
the cycle life of the battery according to Comparative

1 Examples which was made to be 1 was as shown in Table  
2.

As can be understood from the results of  
comparisons made between Examples 34 to 36 and  
5 Comparative Example 34 and those between Examples 37  
to 39 and Comparative Example 35, the cycle life can  
be lengthened due to use of the secondary battery  
having the structure according to the present invention.

Table 10

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Secondary Battery Manufactured		Cycle Life of Example  Cycle Life of Comparative Example
Example	Comparative Example	
Example 34	Comparative Example 34	5.4
Example 35	Comparative Example 34	2.1
Example 36	Comparative Example 34	2.3
Example 37	Comparative Example 35	2.6
Example 38	Comparative Example 35	1.9
Example 39	Comparative Example 35	2.2

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Example 40

A lithium secondary battery which had a simple  
structure, which could be assembled simply and which  
25 had a cross/sectional shape schematically shown in  
Fig. 2 was manufactured.

The positive pole activating material 203 was

- 1 manufactured in such a manner that electrolyzed  
manganese dioxide and lithium carbonate were mixed at  
a ratio of 1:0.4. Then, the mixture was heated to  
800°C so that a lithium-manganese oxide was prepared.
- 5 Graphite and tetrafluoroethylene polymer powder were  
added to the prepared lithium-manganese oxide, and  
pressed against a nickel mesh<sup>1</sup> as to be formed into the  
positive pole. AO

- Then, the positive pole was immersed in a  
10 solution of Teflon AF which was a copolymer of  
tetrafluoroethylene and 2,2-bistrifluoromethyl-4,5-  
difluoro-1, 3-dioxol and which was manufactured by  
Dupont, and then it was dried. As a result, the  
positive pole 203 covered with the fluororesin was  
15 manufactured.

- In an atmosphere of dry argon gas, the titanium  
mesh collector 200 was pressed against the reverse  
side of the lithium metal foil, and then the lithium  
metal foil was immersed in a solution which was a  
20 copolymer of ethylene tetrafluoride and vinyl ether and  
which was manufactured by Asahi Glass. Then, it was  
dried<sup>1</sup> as to be hardened so that the lithium negative  
pole 201 covered with the fluororesin was manufactured. AO

- The electrolytic solution was prepared by  
25 dissolving, by 1 M (mol/l), boric acid tetrafluoride  
lithium salt in an equal quantity mixture solvent of  
propylene carbonate (PC) and dimethoxyethane (DME).

1           The separator 208 was manufactured in such a  
manner that a polypropylene separator having small  
apertures was sandwiched by unwoven polypropylene  
sheets.

5           The assembly was performed in such a manner  
that the separator 208 was held between the negative  
pole 201 and the positive pole 203<sup>AO</sup> as to be inserted  
into the positive case 207 made of titanium clad  
stainless steel. Then, the electrolytic solution was  
10 injected, and then the negative pole cap made of  
titanium clad stainless steel and the insulating  
packing 210 made of fluorine rubber were used for  
sealing so that a lithium secondary battery was  
manufactured.

15   Example 41

for  
A lithium battery was manufactured under the  
same conditions as those according to example 40  
except, the process for covering the positive pole.

20           The positive pole was manufactured similarly  
to Example 40. Then, the positive pole was immersed  
ile in an acetonitrile solution, in which were dissolved  
0.1 M of monomer of benzo-15-crown-5 and 2.0 M of  
electrolytic boronic acid tetrafluoride tetrabutyl  
ammonium salt. Then, the platinum electrode was used  
25 as the cathode pole, and voltage of 3 V was applied to  
perform electrolysis and polymerization so that a  
large ring compound polymer covering film was formed

1 on the surface of the positive pole.

In an atmosphere of dry argon gas, the titanium mesh collector 200 was pressed against the lithium metal foil so that the negative pole was  
5 manufactured.

Then, similar processes to those according to Example 40 were performed so that the lithium secondary battery was manufactured.

Example 42

10 A lithium secondary battery which had a simple structure, which could be assembled simply and which had a cross-sectional shape schematically shown in Fig. 2 was manufactured.

The positive pole was manufactured by a similar  
15 process according to Example 40. Then, peroxide benzoyl and boronic acid tetrafluoride lithium were dissolved in a tetrahydrofuran solution of poly (2-vinyl naphthalene) manufactured by Aldrich Chemical Company, Inc. Then, the positive pole was immersed in  
20 it, and then heated to 100°C so that the positive pole 203 covered with poly (2-vinyl naphthalene) was manufactured.

Then, similar processes to those according to Example 41 were performed so that the lithium secondary  
25 battery was manufactured.

Example 43

The positive pole was manufactured by a process

1 similar to that according to Example 40. Then,  
boronic acid tetrafluoride lithium salt was added and  
dissolved in a toluene solution PPZ-U1001 manufactured  
by Idemitsu. Then, the positive pole was immersed,  
5 and previously dried, and then ultraviolet rays were  
applied so that the positive pole 203 covered with  
polyphosphazene was manufactured.

Then, similar processes to those according to  
Example 41 were performed so that the lithium secondary  
10 battery was manufactured.

#### Example 44

The positive pole was manufactured by a process  
similar to that according to Example 40. The thus-  
manufactured positive pole was injected into a  
15 sputtering apparatus. Then, the retained gas was  
exhausted to realize a degree of vacuum of  $2 \times 10^{-6}$   
Torr. Then, argon gas, which was a mixture of 10%  
nitrogen gas and 5% acetylene gas, was allowed to flow.  
The internal pressure was controlled to  $3 \times 10^{-3}$  Torr,  
0 20 and lithium fluoride was made to be a target of  
sputtering. As a result, the positive pole covered  
with carbon and a film made of lithium nitride contain-  
ing fluorine were formed.

Then, similar processes to those according to  
25 Example 41 were performed so that the lithium secondary  
battery was manufactured.

#### Example 45

1           A nickel-zinc secondary battery which had a  
simple structure, which could be assembled simply  
and which had a cross-sectional shape schematically  
shown in Fig. 2 was manufactured.

5           The positive pole was manufactured in such a  
manner that ~~zinc~~ hydroxide was impregnated in a  
*nickel* sintered nickel pole plate. Then, acetic acid and  
water were added to an ethyl alcohol solution of  
tetraethoxy silane to be dehydrated. Then, diethylamine  
10 was added so that colloidal silica was formed. Then,  
the positive pole was immersed in the colloidal  
solution of the silica, and dried at 100°C. As a  
result, a silica film was formed on the surface of the  
positive pole.

15           The negative pole was manufactured in such a  
manner that ethylene tetrafluoride polymer powder  
serving as a bonding material was added to a mixture of  
zinc powder and zinc oxide powder, then they  
were pressed to the two sides of a copper punching metal  
20 as to be formed into the negative pole.

The electrolytic solution comprised 30 wt%  
potassium hydroxide water solution to which lithium  
hydroxide was added.

25           The battery was assembled similarly to  
Example 40.

In order to compare and evaluate the perform-  
ance of the batteries according to Examples, the

1 following comparative batteries were manufactured.

Comparative Example 40

A lithium secondary battery was manufactured under the same conditions as those according to example  
5 40 except that the positive pole and the negative pole were not covered.

Comparative Example 41

A nickel-zinc secondary battery was manufactured under the same conditions as those according to  
10 example 45 except that the surface coating was omitted.

Evaluation of Performance of Secondary Battery

The performance of the secondary batteries according to Examples and Comparative Examples was evaluated. The evaluation was performed by a charge  
15 and discharge cycle test under the following conditions with respect to the cycle life of the batteries according to Comparative Examples. The conditions for the cycle test were made as follows: the charge and discharge was performed by 0.2C (electric current  
20 which was 0.2 times capacity/time), pause for 30 minutes and a cut-off voltage of 1.0V was applied. A charging/discharging apparatus HJ-10LM6 manufactured by Hokuto Electric was used.

The charge/discharge test was commenced at  
25 discharge, the battery capacity was evaluated the quantity of the third discharge, and the cycle life was evaluated by the number of cycles when the battery

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1 capacity had deteriorated to 60% or less.

The cycle life of each battery with respect to the cycle life of the battery according to Comparative Examples which was made to be 1 was as shown in Table  
5 11.

40 As can be understood from the results of comparisons made between Examples 40 to 44 and Comparative Example 11 and those between Example 45 and Comparative Example 41, the cycle life can be  
10 lengthened due to use of the secondary battery having the structure according to the present invention.

Table 11

Secondary Battery Manufactured		Cycle Life of Example
Example	Comparative Example	Cycle Life of Comparative Example
Example 40	Comparative Example 40	5.1
Example 41	Comparative Example 40	2.0
Example 42	Comparative Example 40	1.4
Example 43	Comparative Example 40	1.6
Example 44	Comparative Example 40	1.8
Example 45	Comparative Example 41	1.7

25 Preparation of Positive Pole Activating Material

Methods of preparing the positive pole activating material according to the present invention are

1 exemplified in Preparation Methods 46 to 55 and the  
conventional preparation methods are exemplified by  
Comparative Preparation Methods.

Preparation Method 46

5 A lithium-manganese oxide was prepared as  
follows.

Manganese acetate was dissolved in water, and  
then super fine nickel powder ENP-005 manufactured by  
Sumitomo Denko was suspended in a water solution of  
10 manganese nitrate. Then, a water solution of lithium  
hydroxide was dripped until the pH was 8 or higher  
while vibrating the suspension solution with supersonic  
vibrations of 20 kHz so that sedimentation was gener-  
ated. Then, ethyl alcohol was added, and supernatant  
15 liquid of the solution including the sediment was  
removed by decantation. The ethylalcohol cleaning  
and the decantation were repeated. Then, it was  
dissolved in 0.1% methyl alcohol solution of Sila Ace  
S210 (vinylmethoxysilane) which was a silane coupling  
20 material manufactured by Chisso. Then, the solvent  
was removed by a centrifugal separator. The obtained  
sedimentation was dried at 120°C, and dried at 200°C  
in a vacuum drier so that grains of manganese oxide  
were prepared.

25 The size of crystal grains was measured from  
the half value width of the X-ray analysis curve with  
respect to a manganese oxide and the angle of

1 diffraction in accordance with the Scherrer's  
Equation. The size of the crystal grain was 60 Å or  
larger.

The RHEED pattern resulted in a ring pattern  
5 like a halo pattern.

The X-ray radial distribution function  
resulted in a continuous and moderate peak curve.

The scattering angle and the scattering  
intensity obtainable from the X-ray small angle  
10 scattering method resulted in non-uniform density  
fluctuation to be observed.

The specific area was measured by the BET  
method, resulting in that the specific area was 123  
m<sup>2</sup>/g.

15 Preparation Method 47

Vanadium oxide was prepared as follows.

Vanadium pentaoxide was gradually added to a  
water solution of lithium hydroxide, as to be dissolved. *AD*  
While applying supersonic vibrations, the water  
20 solution was sprayed into liquid nitrogen, as to be *AD*  
frozen. Then, the temperature was raised to -20°C,  
and the pressure was lowered so that freezing and  
drying were performed to dehydrate and dry the material.  
Obtained grains were dried at 150°C, and further  
25 dried in a vacuum drier at 250°C so that grains of  
vanadium oxide were obtained. Then, the sample was  
immersed in 0.1 % isopropylalcohol solution of

1    tetra-iso-propoxytitanium, and then the solvent was  
remove by a centrifugal separator. The obtained  
sedimentation was dried at 120°C, and then dried at  
200°C in a vacuum state so that grains of manganese  
5    oxide were prepared.

Although the size of crystal grains was  
intended to measure from the half value width of the  
X-ray analysis curve and the angle of diffraction in  
accordance with the Scherrer's Equation, it could not  
10    be measured because the diffraction curve resulted in  
a broad form.

The RHEED pattern resulted in a halo pattern.

The X-ray radial distribution function resulted  
in a continuous and moderate peak curve.

15    The scattering angle and the scattering  
intensity obtainable from the X-ray small angle  
scattering method resulted in non-uniform density  
fluctuation to be observed.

The specific area was measured by the BET  
20    method, resulting in that the specific area was 105  
m<sup>2</sup>/g.

#### Preparation Method 48

A lithium-nickel oxide was prepared as follows.

Nickel acetate was dissolved in a mixture  
25    solvent of acetic acid, ethyl alcohol and water.  
While vibrating the solution with supersonic vibra-  
tions of 20 kHz, an ethyl alcohol solution of

1 ethoxylithium, which was alkoxide, was dripped as to  
be mixed. Then, the solution was heated to 80°C  
to enhance the hydrolysis decomposition reactions  
so that sol was generated. The supernatant liquid of  
5 the solution including the sol-shape sedimentation  
was removed by decantation, cleaned with ethyl  
alcohol, the decantation was repeated and the solvent  
was removed by a centrifugal separator. The obtained  
sedimentation was dried at 150°C, and then suspended  
10 in a non-electrolyzed nickel plating solution Ni-701  
manufactured by Kojundo Kagaku. Then, it was heated  
to 70°C, nickel coating was performed, and water  
cleaning and decantation were repeated. Then, ethyl  
alcohol cleaning was performed, and decantation was  
15 repeated, and then the solvent was removed by a  
centrifugal separator. The sample was dried at 230°C  
in a vacuum state so that grains of nickel oxide were  
obtained.

Although the size of crystal grains was  
20 intended to measure from the half value width of the  
X-ray analysis curve and the angle of diffraction in  
accordance with the Scherrer's Equation, it could not  
be measured because the diffraction curve with respect  
to an oxide resulted in a broad form.

25 The RHEED pattern resulted in a ring pattern  
considered due to nickel plating. The pattern  
before the nickel plating process resulted in a halo

1 pattern.

The X-ray radial distribution function resulted in a continuous and moderate peak curve. The scattering angle and the scattering intensity obtain<sup>able</sup>  
5 nable from the X-ray small angle scattering method resulted in non-uniform density fluctuation to be observed.

The specific area was measured by the BET method, resulting in that the specific area was 210  
10 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

#### Preparation Method 49

A lithium-nickel-cobalt oxide was prepared by the following method.

Nickel nitrate and cobalt nitrate were  
15 dissolved in water, and then a water solution of lithium hydroxide was dripped to a solution of the nickel nitrate and cobalt nitrate while vibrating with supersonic vibrations of 20 kHz until the pH was 8 or higher so that sedimentation was generated. Then,  
20 ethyl alcohol was added so that the supernatant liquid of the solution including the sedimentation was removed by decantation. the ethyl alcohol cleaning and the decantation were repeated and the solvent was removed by a centrifugal separator. The obtained sedimenta-  
25 tion was dried at 120°C, dried at 200°C in a vacuum state so that grains of a nickel cobalt oxide were prepared.

1           The size of crystal grains was measured from  
the half value width of the X-ray analysis curve and  
the angle of diffraction in accordance with the  
Scherrer's Equation. The size of the crystal grain  
5 was 140 Å.

The RHEED pattern resulted in a ring pattern  
like a halo pattern.

The X-ray radial distribution function resulted  
in a continuous and moderate peak curve.

10           The scattering angle and the scattering  
intensity obtainable from the X-ray small angle  
scattering method resulted in non-uniform density  
fluctuation to be observed.

The specific area was measured by the BET  
15 method, resulting in that the specific area was 160  
m<sup>2</sup>/g.

#### Preparation Method 50

Vanadium-molybdenum oxide was prepared as  
follows.

20           Vandyl sulfate and molybdenum sulfate were  
added to water<sup>AD</sup> as to be suspended, and acetic acid was  
gradually added<sup>AD</sup> as to be dissolved. Then, a water  
solution of lithium hydroxide was dripped to a solution  
of the vanadium oxide and acetic acid while vibrating  
25 with supersonic vibrations of 20 kHz until the pH was  
8 or higher so that sedimentation was generated.  
Then, ethyl alcohol was added so that the supernatant

1 liquid of the solution including the sedimentation was  
removed by decantation. The ethyl alcohol cleaning  
and the decantation were repeated and the solvent  
was removed by a centrifugal separator. The obtained  
5 sedimentation was ~~dried~~ at 120°C, ~~dried~~ at 200°C in *then*  
a vacuum state so that grains of a vanadium oxide were  
prepared.

The size of crystal grains was measured from  
the half value width of the X-ray analysis curve and  
10 the angle of diffraction in accordance with the  
Scherrer's Equation. The size of the crystal grain  
was 80 Å.

The RHEED pattern resulted in a ring pattern  
like a halo pattern.

15 The X-ray radial distribution function resulted  
in a continuous and moderate peak curve.

The scattering angle and the scattering  
intensity obtainable from the X-ray small angle  
scattering method resulted in non-uniform density  
20 fluctuation to be observed.

The specific area was measured by the BET  
method, resulting in that the specific area was 100  
m<sup>2</sup>/g.

#### Preparation Method 51

25 Vanadium-molybdenum oxide was prepared by the  
following method.

The vanadium oxide and the molybdenum oxide



1 were mixed at a ratio of 7:3, and heated up to 800°C <sup>1</sup> <sup>20</sup>  
as to be melted and mixed so that a molten bath was  
made. Then, the molten bath was dispersed by jet gas  
which was a mixture of 20% oxygen and 2% hydrogen with  
5 argon gas. It was sprayed at high speed to a cooled  
and retaining metal disc so that grains of vanadium  
oxide and molybdenum oxide were prepared.

The size of crystal grains was measured from  
the half value width of the X-ray analysis curve and  
10 the angle of diffraction in accordance with the  
Scherrer's Equation. The size of the crystal grain  
was 110 Å.

The RHEED pattern resulted in a ring pattern  
having weak intensity.

15 The X-ray radial distribution function resulted  
in a continuous and moderate peak curve.

The scattering angle and the scattering  
intensity obtainable from the X-ray small angle  
scattering method resulted in non-uniform density  
20 fluctuation to be observed.

The specific area was measured by the BET  
method, resulting in that the specific area was 60  
m<sup>2</sup>/g.

#### Preparation Method 52

25 Titanium sulfide was prepared by the following  
method.

Hydrogen gas was allowed to flow ~~by~~ 500 sccm

at

1 into a reaction chamber of a plasma CVD apparatus  
so degasified~~gas~~ to be <sup>in a</sup> vacuum state. The pressure was  
maintained at 10 Torr and discharge was caused to take  
place at a high frequency wave of 13.56 MHz. Then,  
5 200 sccm of helium gas was, as a carrier gas, bubbled  
in a hexane solution of tetrabutoxytitanium, and  
at injected ~~by~~ 200 sccm through a nozzle into the  
reaction chamber of the plasma CVD apparatus.  
Simultaneously, 250 sccm of hydrogen sulfide was  
so 10 introduced~~gas~~ to be reacted in a gas phase to capture  
grains of titanium sulfide by a capturing machine.

The size of crystal grains was measured from  
the half value width of the X-ray analysis curve and  
the angle of diffraction in accordance with the  
15 Scherrer's Equation. The size of the crystal grain  
was 200 Å.

The RHEED pattern resulted in a ring pattern  
having weak intensity.

The X-ray radial distribution function resulted  
20 in a continuous and moderate peak curve.

The scattering angle and the scattering  
intensity obtainable from the X-ray small angle  
scattering method resulted in non-uniform density  
fluctuation to be observed.

25 The specific area was measured by the BET  
method, resulting in that the specific area was 175  
m<sup>2</sup>/g.

1    Preparation Method 53

Lithium-iron-cobalt oxide was prepared by the following method.

5        A mixture solution of 0.5 mol/l cobalt chloride and 1 mol ferric chloride mixed at a ratio of 1:1 was gradually added to a 5 mol/l water solution of lithium hydroxide while stirring and bubbling argon gas. Then, reaction chamber was set to 100°C to be matured. After the maturation, it was injected into cooled  
10    water, and cleaning was performed with water cooled by water by means of decantation until the pH of the solution was 8. It was dried at 200°C in a vacuum state, and crushed by a ball mill in an atmosphere of argon gas.

15        The size of crystal grains was measured from the half value width of the X-ray analysis curve and the angle of diffraction in accordance with the Scherrer's Equation. The size of the crystal grain was 150 Å.

20        The RHEED pattern resulted in a ring pattern having weak intensity to be observed.

The X-ray radial distribution function resulted in a continuous and moderate peak curve.

25        The scattering angle and the scattering intensity obtainable from the X-ray small angle scattering method resulted in non-uniform density fluctuation to be observed.

1           The specific area was measured by the BET  
method, resulting in that the specific area was 2100  
m<sup>2</sup>/g.

Example 54

5           Manganese acetate, magnesium chloride and urea  
were added to a solution in which 300 g of vanadium  
pentoxide was dissolved in 2 liters of hydrochloric  
acid, followed by heating the solution to 95 to 95°C  
for 10 minutes to generate ammonia. Lithium hydride  
10 solution was dripped to make the pH to generate  
sediment. Then, decantation and water cleaning were  
repeated, and then cleaning with ethyl alcohol was  
performed, and the material was dried by a spray  
dryer. Then, the sample was dried at 200°C in a vacuum  
15 state.

20           The size of crystal grains was measured from  
the half value width of the X-ray analysis curve and  
the angle of diffraction in accordance with the  
Scherrer's Equation. The size of the crystal grain  
was 90 Å.

          The RHEED pattern resulted in a ring pattern  
like a halo pattern.

          The X-ray radial distribution function resulted  
in a continuous and moderate peak curve.

25           The scattering angle and the scattering  
intensity obtainable from the X-ray small angle  
scattering method resulted in non-uniform density

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1 fluctuation to be observed.

The specific area was measured by the BET method, resulting in that the specific area was  $80 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$ .

5 Preparation Method 55

A lithium-copper-cobalt oxide was prepared by the following method.

An oxalic acid was added to a water solution in which a copper sulfate and a cobalt nitrate were  
10 dissolved. Then, supersonic vibrations were applied, and lithium hydroxide was dripped until the pH was 7 so that sedimentation was generated. Water cleaning and decantation were repeated, and then a water  
15 solution of lithium hydroxide was added, supersonic vibrations were applied, and an ethyl alcohol was added. Decantation and cleaning with ethyl alcohol were repeated, and the material was dried by using a spray dryer. Further, the material was dried at  $200^\circ\text{C}$  in a vacuum state.

20 The size of crystal grains was measured from the half value width of the X-ray analysis curve and the angle of diffraction in accordance with the Scherrer's Equation. The size of the crystal grain was  $160 \text{ \AA}$ .

25 The RHEED pattern resulted in a ring pattern having weak intensity.

The X-ray radial distribution function resulted

in

1 a continuous and moderate peak curve.

The scattering angle and the scattering intensity obtainable from the X-ray small angle scattering method resulted in non-uniform density  
5 fluctuation to be observed.

The specific area was measured by the BET method, resulting in that the specific area was 50  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ .

#### Other Analyses

10 The SIMS analysis resulted that the positive pole activating materials according to Preparation Methods 46 to 55 contained hydrogen and lithium. Also the dehydration peak of each TG (Thermogravimetric analysis), DTA (Differential Thermal Analysis) and  
15 DSC (Differential Scan Thermal Heating Value Measurement) and the absorption spectrum of FTIR (Fourier Transform Infrared) resulted that a hydroxyl group was present.

#### Comparative Preparation Method 46

20 A lithium-manganese oxide was prepared by the following method.

Powder of electrolyzed manganese dioxide manufactured by Mitsui Kinzoku and lithium carbonate were mixed with each other at a ratio of 1:0.4 and  
25 they were heated at 800°C so that lithium manganese oxide was prepared.

The size of crystal grains was measured from

1 the half value width of the X-ray analysis curve and the  
angle of diffraction in accordance with the Scherrer's  
Equation. The size of the crystal grain was 600 Å or  
larger.

5 The RHEED pattern resulted in a ring pattern in  
which a spot pattern could be confirmed.

The X-ray radial distribution function resulted  
in discontinuous peak curve.

The specific area was measured by the BET method,  
10 resulting in that the specific area was 40 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

Comparative Preparation Method 47

A reagent manufactured by Wako was dried at 400°C  
in a vacuum state.

The size of crystal grains was measured from the  
15 half value width of the X-ray analysis curve and the  
angle of diffraction in accordance with the Scherrer's  
Equation. The size of the crystal grain was 800 Å.

The RHEED pattern resulted in a ring pattern in  
which a spot pattern could be confirmed.

20 The X-ray radial distribution function resulted  
in discontinuous peak curve.

The specific area was measured by the BET  
method, resulting in that the specific area was  
4 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

25 Comaprative Preparation Method 48

A lithium-nickel oxide was prepared by the  
following method.

1           A lithium carbonate and nickel nitrate were  
mixed at an equal mol ratio of 1:1 and the mixture was  
heated to 800°C so that a lithium-nickel oxide was  
prepared.

5           The size of crystal grains was measured from  
the half value width of the X-ray analysis curve and  
the angle of diffraction in accordance with the  
Scherrer's Equation. The size of the crystal grain was  
2000 Å or larger.

10          The RHEED pattern resulted in a ring pattern  
in which a spot pattern could be confirmed.

The X-ray radial distribution function resulted  
in discontinuous peak curve.

The specific area was measured by the BET  
15 method, resulting in that the specific area was 50 m<sup>2</sup>/g.  
Comparative Preparation Method 49

A lithium-nickel-cobalt oxide was prepared by  
the following method.

20          A lithium carbonate, nickel carbonate and  
cobalt carbonate were mixed at a mol ratio of 10:3:7  
and the mixture was heated to 900°C for 20 hours, as to  
be decomposed so that a nickel-cobalt oxide was  
prepared. AD

25          The size of crystal grains was measured from  
the half value width of the X-ray analysis curve and  
the angle of diffraction in accordance with the  
Scherrer's Equation. The size of the crystal grain was



1 1100 Å or larger.

The RHEED pattern resulted in a ring pattern in which a spot pattern could be confirmed.

The X-ray radial distribution function  
5 resulted in discontinuous peak curve.

The specific area was measured by the BET method, resulting in that the specific area was 40 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

Comparative Preparation Method 50

A vanadium-molybdenum oxide was prepared by  
10 the following method.

A vanadium oxide and a molybdenum oxide were mixed at a ratio of 7:3, and the mixture was heated to 800°C in a platinum crucible, as to be melted and mixed. Then, the mixture was cooled gradually so that  
15 the block-shape vanadium oxide and molybdenum oxide were prepared. They were crushed by a roller mill so that grains of vanadium oxide-molybdenum oxide were prepared.

The size of crystal grains was measured from  
20 the half value width of the X-ray analysis curve and the angle of diffraction in accordance with the Scherrer's Equation. The size of the crystal grain was 700 Å or larger.

The RHEED pattern resulted in a ring pattern  
25 in which a spot pattern could be confirmed.

The X-ray radial distribution function resulted in discontinuous peak curve.

1           The specific area was measured by the BET  
method, resulting in that the specific area was  
10 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

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Comparative Preparation Method 51

5           A titanium sulfide was prepared by the  
following method.

A titanium disulfide powder manufactured by  
Kojundo Kagaku was dried at 400°C in a vacuum state.

10          The size of crystal grains was measured from  
the half value width of the X-ray analysis curve and  
the angle of diffraction in accordance with the  
Scherrer's Equation. The size of the crystal grain  
was 900 Å or larger.

15          The RHEED pattern resulted in a ring pattern  
in which a spot pattern could be confirmed.

The X-ray radial distribution function  
resulted in discontinuous peak curve.

The specific area was measured by the BET  
method, resulting in that the specific area was 50 m<sup>2</sup>/g.

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20       Comparative Preparation Method 52

A lithium-iron-cobalt oxide was prepared by  
the following method.

25          Lithium carbonate, iron acetate and cobalt  
carbonate were mixed at the same mole ratio, and  
decomposed at 600°C in air so that an iron cobalt  
oxide was prepared. Then, it was crushed by a ball  
mill so that grains were obtained.

1           The size of crystal grains was measured from  
the half value width of the X-ray analysis curve and  
the angle of diffraction in accordance with the  
Scherrer's Equation. The size of the crystal grain  
5 was 1000 Å or larger.

The RHEED pattern resulted in a ring pattern  
in which a spot pattern could be confirmed.

The X-ray radial distribution function  
resulted in discontinuous peak curve.

10           The specific area was measured by the BET  
method, resulting in that the specific area was 40 m<sup>2</sup>/g.  
Comparative Preparation Method 53

A manganese containing magnesium added thereto-  
vanadium oxide was prepared by the following method.

15           A manganese dioxide, vanadium pentaoxide and  
magnesium hydroxide were mixed at a mol ratio of 10:10:  
1, and then they were decomposed at 700°C in air. As  
a result, the manganese containing magnesium added  
thereto-vanadium oxide was prepared. Then, they were  
20 crushed by a ball mill so that grains were obtained.

The size of crystal grains was measured from  
the half value width of the X-ray analysis curve and  
the angle of diffraction in accordance with the  
Scherrer's Equation. The size of the crystal grain  
25 was 1300 Å or larger.

The RHEED pattern resulted in a ring pattern  
in which a spot pattern could be confirmed.

1           The X-ray radial distribution function resulted  
in discontinuous peak curve.

          The specific area was measured by the BET  
method, resulting in that the specific area was 27  
5    $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ .

#### Comparative Preparation Method 54

          A lithium-copper-cobalt oxide was prepared by  
the following method.

          A lithium carbonate, cobalt carbonate and  
10   copper carbonate were mixed at the same mol ratio, and  
then they were decomposed at  $600^\circ\text{C}$  in air. As a  
result, the manganese containing magnesium added  
thereto-vanadium oxide was prepared. Then, they were  
crushed by a ball mill so that grains were obtained.

15           The size of crystal grains was measured from  
the half value width of the X-ray analysis curve and  
the angle of diffraction in accordance with the  
Scherrer's Equation. The size of the crystal grain  
was  $1100 \text{ \AA}$  or larger.

20           The RHEED pattern resulted in a ring pattern  
in which a pot pattern could be confirmed.

          The X-ray radial distribution function  
resulted in discontinuous peak curve.

          The specific area was measured by the BET  
25   method, resulting in that the specific area was 10  
 $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ .

#### Analyzing Apparatus

1           The positive pole activating material prepared  
by Preparation Methods 46 to 55 and Comparative  
Preparation Methods 46 to 54 were analyzed by using  
the following apparatuses. The X-ray diffraction  
5 measurement was performed by using MXP3VA manufac-  
tured by MacScience.

The RHEED measurement was performed by using  
JEM-100SX manufactured by Nihon Denshi.

The specific area measurement by the BET  
10 method was performed by using GEMIN12300 manufactured  
by Micromeritex.

As a result of the comparisons between the  
transition metal and the group ~~6~~A element according to  
Preparation Methods according to the present invention  
15 and those according to Comparative Preparation Methods,  
the compounds according to the present invention  
exhibited smaller particle grain size as compared with  
the results of Comparative Preparation Method, while  
having an amorphous or microcrystal structure.

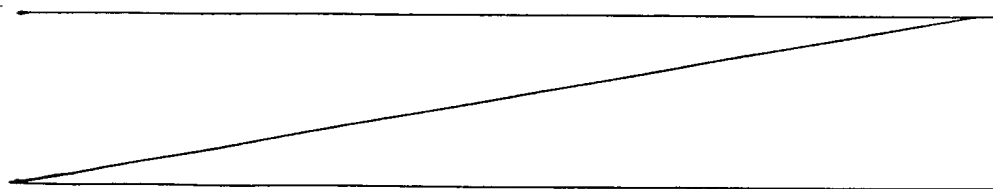
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20 Manufacturing of Lithium Secondary Battery

Lithium secondary batteries were manufactured  
by using the positive pole activating materials  
prepared by the foregoing preparation methods.

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1 Example 46

The positive pole activating material prepared by the foregoing Preparation Method 46 was used to manufacture a battery which had a simple structure, which could be assembled simply and which had a cross sectional shape schematically shown in Fig. 2.

In an atmosphere of dry argon gas, the negative pole activating material 201 was used in such a manner that the titanium mesh collector 200 was pressed against the reverse side of the lithium metal foil. Then, the surface of lithium was covered with a fluororesin thin film by using thin solution of Lumiflon, which was a fluororesin paint manufactured by Asahi Glass, so that the negative pole was manufactured.

Acetylene black powder and xylene solution of the Lumiflon, which was a fluororesin paint manufactured by Asahi Glass, were mixed with the positive pole activating material which was prepared by Preparation Method 46 and which was lithium-manganese oxide. The mixture was applied to the titanium mesh, and it was hardened at 80°C, and then heated with microwaves. As a result, the positive pole 203 was formed.

The electrolytic solution was prepared by dissolving, by 1 M (mol/l), boronic acid tetrafluoride lithium salt in an equal quantity mixture solvent of propylene carbonate (PC) and dimethoxyethane (DME).

The separator 208 was manufactured in such a

1 manner that a polypropylene separator having small  
apertures was sandwiched by unwoven polypropylene  
sheets.

The assembly was performed in such a manner that  
5 the separator 208 was sandwiched between the negative  
pole 201 and the positive pole 203, followed by  
inserting them into a positive pole case 207 made of  
titanium clad stainless steel. Then, the electrolytic  
solution was injected. Then, the negative pole cap 206  
10 made of the titanium clad stainless steel and the  
insulating packing 210 made of fluorine rubber were used  
for sealing so that the lithium secondary battery was  
manufactured.

Example 47

15 The vanadium oxide prepared by Preparation  
Method 47 was used as the positive pole activating  
material, a battery having a cross-sectional shape  
schematically shown in Fig. 2 was manufactured.

First, the nickel mesh collector was pressed  
20 against the reverse side of the lithium metal foil in  
an atmosphere of dry argon gas so that the negative  
pole was manufactured.

Acetylene black powder and Super Konak F which  
was a fluoro-resin paint manufactured by Nihon Yushi were  
25 mixed with the vanadium oxide serving as the positive  
pole activating material and prepared by Preparation  
Method 2, followed by adding xylene by a small quantity.

1 The mixture was applied to the nickel mesh, and it was  
hardened at 150°C. As a result, the positive pole was  
manufactured.

Then, similar processes to those according to  
5 Example 46 were performed so that the lithium secondary  
battery shown in Fig. 2 was assembled.

Example 48

By using the positive pole activating material  
prepared by Preparation Method 48, a battery which had  
10 a simple structure, which could be assembled simply and  
which had a cross-sectional shape schematically shown  
in Fig. 2 was assembled.

First, the nickel mesh collector was pressed  
against the reverse side of the lithium metal foil in  
15 an atmosphere of dry argon gas so that the negative  
pole was manufactured.

Acetylene black powder and tetrafluoroethylene  
polymer powder were mixed with the lithium-nickel oxide  
prepared by Preparation Method 48 and serving as the  
20 positive pole activating material. The mixture was  
pressed against the nickel mesh with heat, as to be  
formed into the positive pole 203. 20

Then, similar processes to those according to  
Example 46 were performed so that the lithium secondary  
25 battery shown in Fig. 2 was assembled.

Example 49

The lithium-nickel-cobalt oxide prepared by



1 Preparation Method 49 was used as the positive pole  
activating material so that the battery shown in Fig. 2  
was manufactured by the process similar to that  
according to Example 48.

5 Example 50

The vanadium-molybdenum oxide prepared by  
Preparation Method 50 was used as the positive pole  
activating material so that the battery shown in Fig.  
2 was manufactured by the process similar to that  
10 according to Example 48.

Example 51

The vanadium-molybdenum oxide prepared by  
Preparation Method 51 was used as the positive pole  
activating material so that the battery shown in Fig.  
15 2 was manufactured by the process similar to that  
according to Example 48.

Example 52

The titanium sulfide prepared by Preparation  
Method 52 was used as the positive pole activating  
20 material so that the battery shown in Fig. 2 was manu-  
factured by the process similar to that according to  
Example 48.

Example 53

The lithium-iron-cobalt oxide prepared by  
25 Preparation Method 53 was used as the positive pole  
activating material so that the battery shown in Fig. 2  
was manufactured by the process similar to that

1 according to Example 48.

Example 54

The manganese containing magnesium added thereto-  
vanadium oxide prepared by Preparation Method 54 was  
5 used as the positive pole activating material so that  
the battery shown in Fig. 2 was manufactured by the  
process similar to that according to Example 48.

Example 55

The lithium-copper-cobalt oxide prepared by  
10 Preparation Method 55 was used as the positive pole  
activating material so that the battery shown in Fig. 2  
was manufactured by the process similar to that  
according to Example 48.

Comparative Example 46

15 By using the positive pole activating material  
prepared by Comparative Preparation method 46, the  
battery having a cross-sectional shape schematically  
shown in Fig. 2 was manufactured.

First, the titanium mesh collector 200 was  
20 pressed against the reverse side of the lithium metal  
foil in an atmosphere of dry argon so that the negative  
pole was manufactured.

Acetylene black powder and tetrafluoroethylene  
polymer powder were mixed to the lithium-manganese oxide  
25 prepared by Comparative Preparation Method 46 and  
serving as the positive pole activating material, as to  
be, with heat, pressed and formed into the positive pole

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1 203.

Then, similar processes to those according to Example 46 were performed so that the lithium secondary battery was assembled.

5 Comparative Example 47

The vanadium oxide prepared by Comparative Preparation Method 47 was used as the positive pole activating material so that the battery shown in Fig. 2 was manufactured by the process similar to that  
10 according to Example 48.

Comparative Example 48

The lithium-nickel oxide prepared by Comparative Preparation Method 48 was used as the positive pole activating material so that the battery shown in Fig. 2  
15 was manufactured by the process similar to that according to Example 48.

Comparative Example 49

The lithium-nickel-cobalt oxide prepared by Comparative Preparation Method 49 was used as the  
20 positive pole activating material so that the battery shown in Fig. 2 was manufactured by the process similar to that according to Example 48.

Comparative Example 50

The vanadium-molybdenum oxide prepared by  
25 Comparative Preparation Method 50 was used as the positive pole activating material so that the battery shown in Fig. 2 was manufactured by the process similar

1 to that according to Example 48.

Comparative Example 51

The titanium sulfide prepared by Comparative Preparation Method 51 was used as the positive pole  
5 activating material so that the battery shown in Fig. 2 was manufactured by the process similar to that according to Example 48.

Comparative Example 52

The lithium-iron-cobalt oxide prepared by  
10 Comparative Preparation Method 52 was used as the positive pole activating material so that the battery shown in Fig. 2 was manufactured by the process similar to that according to Example 48.

Comparative Example 53

15 The manganese containing magnesium added thereto-vanadium oxide prepared by Comparative Preparation Method 53 was used as the positive pole activating material so that the battery shown in Fig. 2 was manufactured by the process similar to that according  
20 to Example 48.

Comparative Example 54

The lithium-copper-cobalt oxide prepared by Comparative Preparation Method 54 was used as the positive pole activating material so that the battery  
25 shown in Fig. 2 was manufactured by the process similar to that according to Example 48.

Evaluation of Performance of Lithium Secondary Battery

1           The performance of lithium secondary batteries  
according to Examples and Comparative Examples was  
evaluated. The evaluation was performed by a charge and  
discharge cycle test under the following conditions with  
5   respect to the cycle life of the batteries according to  
Comparative Examples.

          The conditions for the cycle test were made as  
follows: the charge and discharge was performed by 0.2C  
(electric current which was 0.2 times capacity/time),  
10   pause for 30 minutes and a cut-off voltage of 1.0V was  
applied. A charging/discharging apparatus HJ-101M6  
manufactured by Hokuto Electric was used. The  
charge/discharge test was commenced at discharge, the  
battery capacity was ~~evaluate~~<sup>103</sup> the quantity of the third  
15   discharge, and the cycle life was evaluate<sup>d</sup> by the number  
of cycles when the battery capacity had deteriorated to  
60% or less.

          The lithium batteries using the positive pole  
activating materials respectively according to the  
20   present invention and the comparative examples, that is,  
the battery capacities and cycle life of the examples of  
the present invention and the comparative examples were  
evaluated as shown in Table 12 while making the  
performance of the battery according to the comparative  
25   example to be a reference value of 1.

          As can be understood from Table 12, the  
comparisons made between Examples 46 to 55 and

1 Comparative Examples 46 to 54 resulted that the use of  
the batteries according to the present invention enabled  
the capacity of the battery to be enlarged and the cycle  
life to be lengthened.

5 Table 12

Lithium Battery Manufactured		Capacity of Battery (Present Invention/ Comparative Example)	Cycle life (Present Invention/ Comparative Example)
Examples	Comparative Examples		
10 Example 46	Comparative Example 46	2.3	4.8
Example 47	Comparative Example 47	3.1	3.2
Example 48	Comparative Example 48	2.1	1.7
15 Example 49	Comparative Example 49	2.0	1.4
Example 50	Comparative Example 50	4.1	2.9
Example 51	Comparative Example 50	3.2	2.1
20 Example 52	Comparative Example 51	2.4	1.4
Example 53	Comparative Example 52	2.3	1.5
Example 54	Comparative Example 53	1.7	2.0
Example 55	Comparative Example 54	2.2	1.8

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Further, combinations of the embodiments of the  
present invention will enable further improved secondary

1 battery to be obtained.

According to the present invention, if dendrite of lithium or zinc grows at the time of charge, short circuits between the negative pole and the positive pole can be prevented. Therefore, a lithium secondary battery, a nickel-zinc secondary battery and an air-zinc secondary battery exhibiting a long charge/discharge cycle life can be manufactured. Further, the metal lithium can be used as the negative pole activating material. Therefore, a secondary battery exhibiting a high energy density can be manufactured while improving safety.

Although the invention has been described in its preferred form with a certain degree of particularity, it is understood that the present disclosure of the preferred form can be changed in the details of construction and the combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and the scope of the invention as hereinafter claimed.

1 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A secondary battery exhibiting a long cycle life and comprising a negative pole activating material made of lithium or zinc is provided, the battery at least  
5 having a negative pole made of lithium or zinc serving as the negative pole activating material, an electrolyte (electrolytic solution), a separator, a positive pole made of a positive pole activating material, a collecting electrode and a battery case, wherein at  
10 least the surface of the negative pole is covered with a film having a structure which allows ions relating to the battery reactions to pass through. Since growth of dendrite<sup>s</sup> of lithium or zinc at the time of ~~the~~ charge can be prevented, short circuit<sup>ing</sup> between the negative  
15 pole and the positive pole can be prevented. Therefore, the charge/discharge cycle life can significantly be lengthened. As a result, a lithium secondary battery, a nickel-zinc secondary battery, an air-zinc secondary battery, a bromine-zinc secondary battery and  
20 a silver oxide-zinc secondary battery of ~~the~~ long cycle life can be manufactured.